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# Conversation // Our readers share their thoughts



## Our Polluted Planet

BC is to be commended for its institute to deal with the existential threat of global environmental pollution (Summer 2019). It will be seen as an important chapter in the history of American higher education.

*Eugene Sullivan  
Newburyport, Mass.*



## Mastermind

I enjoyed reading the article about Professor Ann Burgess and her groundbreaking work (Summer 2019). On page 38 you included a photo from the 1970s showing Dr. Burgess appearing in a panel on rape and the criminal justice system. My father is the man in the photo on the right, Paul Rufo, a detective from the Boston Police Department. He and Dr. Burgess worked together on rape-related issues regarding investigations and police interviewing during that time. Fast-forward many years, and my son Joseph Singer '14 studied with Dr. Burgess as an undergraduate. The BC net is wide.

*Angela Rufo Singer, MA'77, P'14  
Swampscott, Mass.*

## My Friend Leo

Thank you for a wonderful story about Leo Morrissey '57 (Summer 2019). It brought tears to my eyes. I graduated from BC in 1966. Although I did not live on campus (no women's dorms then), I always felt a part of the community. Rest in Peace, Leo. Your love for the Eagles and your fellow humans lives on.

*Jane Coughlin McDonough CSON '66,  
P'92  
Greenfield, Mass.*

George Duncan's warm remembrance of the late Leo Morrissey stirred memories. The Morrisseys lived on Semont Road in Dorchester, directly behind the Mulvoys on Lonsdale Street. Leo graduated several years before me. Two weeks after I graduated, he called me, took me to lunch, and tried to sell me a dizzying array of insurance policies. None of which I bought.

Don't know of anyone who bled BC maroon more than Mopsy. Very nice man, as Mr. Duncan wrote so eloquently. Delivered terrific life messages and created great, long-lasting friendships. Can probably count on one hand the number of hockey and football games Leo missed since that day in 1953 when he arrived at Chestnut Hill.

*Mark Mulvoy '64  
Vero Beach, Florida*

## New Beginnings

I was just reminded of Ben Birnbaum's retirement via *BCM* (Summer 2019). As the proud parent of an '04 BC alumnus, I recall one brief phone interaction with Ben in the spring of that year. Our daughter's uncle wanted to present her with an engraved silver picture frame and wanted to know the specific font used by BC in such instances. I had no clue. A call to BC quickly led me to Ben, who answered his phone. After detailing my font quest, he said, "Your daughter is a very lucky person to have such a caring family." Ben's

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thoughtfulness in helping me in 2004 will always be remembered. His many years of dedication to the BC community and his stewardship of *BCM* are now an indelible part of BC's fabric. Our best wishes as you fully embrace retirement and thank you for a job well done.

*Ed Ames P'04*

*Framingham, Mass.*

It is so true that Ben Birnbaum brought something very special to each issue of the magazine with his erudite and piercingly correct Letters, and I am grateful that John Wolfson has begun his tenure as editor by paying such a lovely tribute to Birnbaum and Anna Marie Murphy. He is also perfectly correct to say that "publications evolve," as does everything else in our world. This is as it should be. That, however, is very different from change for the sake of change alone, which is so often the agenda of a new administration—in any field. So I am especially pleased that Mr. Wolfson has also expressed the wisdom that there is no need or reason to change those elements of the magazine that have so well stood the test of time.

*John Tessitore '73*

*Scituate, R.I.*

During my almost thirty years at Boston College I came to know and respect Ben Birnbaum. Not only was he a very talented writer and editor, he was strongly committed to BC's Catholic identity.

*Fr. Robert Imbelli*

*Associate Professor of Theology,*

*Emeritus*

*Bronx, N.Y.*

## Game Over at the Plex

History will be kind to the William J. Flynn Student Recreation Complex, a.k.a. the Plex (Summer 2019). Built on landfill on top of what was commonly referred to as the beer can reservoir, the Plex was an immediate success. The site wasn't ideal,

the building wasn't perfect, and the Plex has now outlived its mission, but for the first time at Boston College there was a place for all students to play court sports, swim, and run, with adequate locker facilities for both men and women. As a reminder, BC had only recently become fully coeducational, and accommodations had not caught up with the times.

As an undergraduate when the Plex opened, I played there, worked there on



**Flynn Recreation Complex demolition in July.**

student work study, and was a member of a team that won an intramural championship there. The Plex served the university well for forty-seven years, and the late William J. Flynn should be remembered fondly for his namesake.

P.S.: Yes, it did leak a little after storms, as would any good ship approaching its golden jubilee.

*Jim Kelliher '74*

*Darien, Conn.*

I have fond memories of swimming in the beautiful pool and enjoying the sauna afterwards back in the Seventies. I also think I participated in judo classes there. Great memories!

*Caren Bator Les '75*

*Adams, Mass.*

## Parenting across Borders

I appreciate Philip Gloudemans's article on Gabrielle Oliveira's book, *Motherhood across Borders* (Summer 2019). I am an immigrant to this fair land, with a mother

who was born in Canada and raised in Great Britain and a father who was born in Scotland. My brother and I were born in Mexico City and our sister was born in Montreal.

Having lived in Latin America and having traveled back there on a number of occasions, I see the wonderful people of these countries—their language, faith, music, family ties, needs, and hopes and fears. They love their countries in a way that most Americans cannot understand. I know a man in his 20s from Guatemala who came to the States because his region had severe flooding for two years and the family lost their farm. He and his brother came all the way here, leaving behind a dead brother and mother, a strong sister, and an ailing father. They left their homeland to come to the U.S. because they knew the responsibilities they held could not be answered in Guatemala.

I know a LOT of people who have left children (and parents and spouses) behind in hopes of finding work in the U.S. to support them. I know adults who came as kids. They leave their homes, families, etc., with no guarantee of ever being reunited, with no guarantee of even surviving the trip to the U.S.

Do they want to come to the U.S.? Well, yes! I mean no. I mean yes. I mean... the choice is basically impossible. If life were not so dangerous, if work were available, they would not come. It is truly a heart-wrenching choice.

On one occasion, I accompanied Mexican parents from New Jersey to North Carolina to go and pick up their children. The tears of joy for the parents seeing their children for the first time in a year and a half—and the tears of sadness, fear, and anger on the part of the children: *Why did you leave us?* So cheers for this book. May we all grow in compassion for the plights of others.

*Georgina A. Laidlaw '80*

*Fairfield, Conn.*

PANORAMA





## Good NATURED

A student enjoys a twilight stroll through the Pine Tree Preserve, a four-acre site adjacent to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir that, until recently, had sat unused and locked away behind a fence for half a century. Under an agreement between Boston College and the parcel's owner, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the fencing came down and the University installed walkways, benches, and lighting, returning the site to public use. "This is a place that will be increasingly special for all of us at Boston College and in our surrounding neighborhood," Boston College President William P. Leahy, SJ, said at a September dedication ceremony. "It is a moment where we see the benefits of an effective partnership between BC and the MWRA. I believe all of us will enjoy this space for years to come."

PHOTOGRAPH BY PETER M. JULIAN



## Step to It

Members of the Boston College step team F.I.S.T.S. let it fly during an Art After Dark event in September at the McMullen Museum. Founded in 1999, F.I.S.T.S.—Females Incorporating Sisterhood Through Step—is a women's step team.

PHOTOGRAPH BY YTING CHEN



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## Drama Queen

By Alix Hackett

Lulu Wang '05 began 2019 as just another promising filmmaker chasing her dreams in Hollywood. Then, in late January, her movie *The Farewell* debuted at the Sundance Film Festival. The film—a moving exploration of the cultural tensions that arise when a Chinese family decides to conceal from a beloved grandmother the fact that she has only a short time left to live—catapulted Wang into the spotlight. *The Farewell* was a commercial and critical success (it currently has a 99 percent Rotten Tomatoes rating), and Wang suddenly found herself the subject of glowing press coverage, including a spot on *Variety* magazine's "Ten Directors to Watch" list. "It's been a whirlwind and I'm still trying to get my balance," Wang said when I caught up with her a couple of months ago. "Nothing has been the same."

Wang is no stranger to new beginnings. Born in Beijing, she was 6 years

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# Campus digest // Happenings from around Boston College

**Introducing the Class of 2023**, the most talented and diverse in BC history. The class of 2,297 is 53 percent female, has a record 36 percent AHANA enrollment, and includes students from forty-five states and forty-one countries. The average SAT score was 1412 and the average



ACT score was 32. More than 80 percent of the freshmen finished in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

**Joshua Elbaz '19**, one of ten students in the Class of 2019 to receive a Fulbright Scholarship, will travel to Tbilisi, Georgia, to study the susceptibility to hepatitis C of refugees who've been displaced by conflict.

**African and African Diaspora Studies** launched this fall as a new major in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences. Long an undergraduate minor, the program explores the history, culture, and politics of Africans on the continent and African-descended peoples in the U.S., the Caribbean, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. "The AADS program of study brings together all of the 'isms'—racism, sexism, classism, extremism—and demonstrates how they work as an interlocking system operating at the interpersonal, institutional, and cultural levels," said C. Shawn McGuffey, the program's director and an associate professor of sociology and African and African Diaspora Studies.

**The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences** will add to its undergraduate and graduate programs in 2020 when it welcomes its first PhD students. What kind of program culture will they be joining? Department chair Ethan Baxter puts it this way: "Fostering and feeding that innate sense of wonder about the beautiful and awesome planet we call our home, a sense of wonder that exists somewhere within all conscious human beings, is where our department finds its strength."

**Matthias Waegele**, assistant professor of chemistry, received a CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation in October. The award provides \$675,000 to help fund five years of Waegele's research into potential routes to cleaner energy sources.

**Bob Cousy**, the 91-year-old Celtics legend who coached the BC men's basketball team from 1963 to 1969, was presented with a Presidential Medal of Freedom in August.



**Alexis Anderson**, Law School associate clinical professor emerita, passed away in September. A renowned legal scholar,



Anderson spent thirty-six years at the Law School. "It is impossible to overstate the impact that Alexis had on generations of BC Law students, as well as on faculty, staff, and members of the local community," BC Law Dean Vincent Rougeau said. "She had a brilliant legal mind, but perhaps her greatest gift was her ability to see the human side of the law."

**William F. Connell School of Nursing** faculty members Susan DeSanto-Madeya, Holly Fontenot, and Susan Kelly-Weeder are being inducted into the American Academy of Nursing. They are among the 2019 class of AAN fellows, selected because of their work to increase access, reduce cost, and improve quality through nursing theory, practice, and science.

**BC has been named one of the nation's prettiest campuses.** TheTravel.com ranked BC seventh nationally, and tops in New England.

**Law School student Risa Kuroda '21** was one of eight students from across the country to receive a Diversity Scholarship award. The scholarship, typically \$40,000, aims to promote diversity in the legal profession by supporting promising law students from underrepresented groups.

—Jacqueline Tempera

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old when her parents immigrated to the United States, settling in Miami. After high school, she again moved to unfamiliar territory—this time to Boston College, where she majored in literature and music with plans to become a lawyer. “My parents never shed light on the possibility of me being a filmmaker,” she told me. “There’s no one that looks like me out there doing it in this country. I think that was the reason.”

During Wang’s senior year, though, she enrolled in photography and film classes, shooting footage on Super 8 film and pulling all-nighters with friends in the basement of Devlin Hall.

“We would be down there editing, finding music—it was just a thrilling time,” she said. “It was a thrilling way to discover my passion.”

As a filmmaker, Wang finds inspiration in the complex dynamics of the modern family, often drawing from her own experience as a child of immigrants. The elaborate lie at the heart of *The Farewell*, for instance, is based on a true story. As is common in some Asian cultures, Wang’s relatives really did keep from her grandmother, Nai Nai, the results of a positive cancer test. They also did stage a wedding in China to bring the family together one last time.

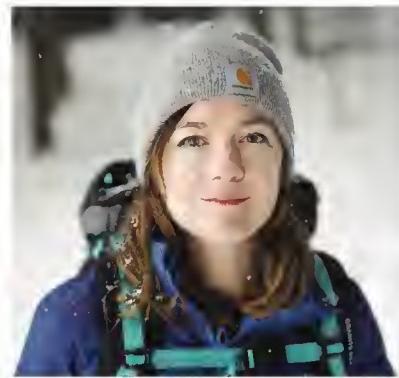
Wang abandoned a previous attempt to turn the experience into a movie when she couldn’t find anyone willing to back her vision of shooting the film in her grandmother’s hometown, using an all-Asian cast that would speak mostly in Mandarin. Instead, she shared the story on a 2016 episode of NPR’s *This American Life*. After that, she got offers to shoot a movie her way.

*The Farewell* has been lauded for deftly mixing personal narrative with universal truths, a balance Wang achieved by forcing herself

to mentally separate the film’s characters from their real-life counterparts, in particular her own character, Billi, who is played by the actress Awkwafina. “I didn’t want Billi to be just an impression of me,” Wang told me. “I wanted her to be a vessel, a conduit for the audience and for all immigrant American kids who left their home country and have to go back and don’t belong.”

On set, members of Wang’s family were occasionally in attendance, including her great-aunt Hong Lu, who plays herself in the film. Another visitor? Nai Nai herself, who is still alive, and who still doesn’t know about the terminal diagnosis she received six years ago. To keep the secret, the plot of the movie was withheld from Nai Nai. Eventually, Wang said, the family will need to figure out how to tell her the truth. “It’s a family affair,” she said. “They’ve made me complicit in the lie and I’ve made them complicit in the movie. We’re all inextricably linked.” ■

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### CHARACTER SKETCH

## Gale Straub '08

In 2014, Gale Straub left her accounting job at a venture capital firm and embarked on a yearlong camping and hiking trip with her partner. That led to [she-explores.com](http://she-explores.com), a site Straub created where women share their outdoor experiences. Her *She Explores* podcast, meanwhile, has generated rave reviews (it made *Outside* magazine’s list of top outdoor podcasts), and her book by the same title was released in March.

### PASSION PROJECT

There weren’t a lot of resources for women interested in hiking and camping, so I thought, why not create something? I didn’t know it would turn into what it has. It was just an opportunity to work on something I was passionate about.

### TELLING STORIES

We’ve done over 125 episodes of the podcast, featuring hundreds of women. One talked about how she feels safest when she’s alone in the backcountry, camping. That’s counterintuitive to the messages women are usually told. But by hearing these voices, other women might be inspired to try a new activity.

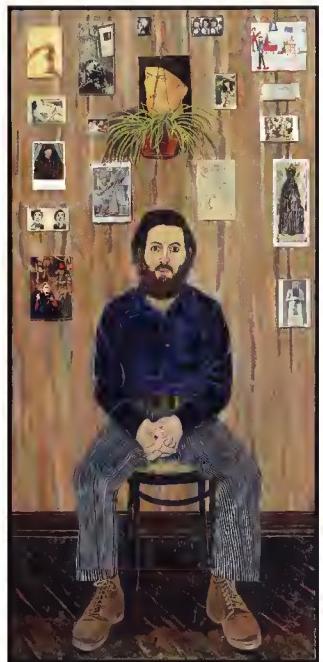
### BEST JOB EVER

It’s allowed me to dabble in different creative mediums—a short documentary film for REI, writing for places like Vox and the Appalachian Mountain Club. I also get to go on backpacking trips with people I otherwise wouldn’t have met.

—KELLEY FREUND



Oil on wood panels, 79.5 x 168 in. (overall, separately framed), Palmer Museum of Art, the Pennsylvania State University.



## Masterwork of Realism on Display at the McMullen

In 2011, the *New York Times* art critic Roberta Smith called the Simon Dinnerstein painting *The Fulbright Triptych* "an overlooked masterpiece of 1970s realism." The piece depicts the painter, his wife, and their daughter surrounded by bits of well-known

paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, quotes, and sketches. Dinnerstein began the painting during a 1971 Fulbright fellowship in Germany, and didn't complete it until 1974. Through those years, it grew into an altar-sized three-panel work that

became a symbol of postwar experimentalism. On loan from the Palmer Museum of Art at Pennsylvania State University, *The Fulbright Triptych* will be displayed at the McMullen Museum of Art through December 8.

—Jacqueline Tempera



## Coming Soon: The Pete Frates Center

A new baseball facility will be named for the former BC captain

Boston College broke ground over the summer on the Pete Frates Center, an indoor baseball and softball facility with state-of-the-art locker rooms, hitting tunnels, and strength and conditioning space. The center, scheduled to open in the summer of 2020, is the next phase of the Harrington Athletics Village that features new baseball and softball fields.

The facility will be named in honor of the former BC baseball captain Pete Frates '07, who was diagnosed with ALS at age 27. He was the inspiration for the Ice Bucket Challenge campaign, which began

in 2014 to raise money for an ALS cure. More than 17 million people worldwide have participated in the challenge, which takes place every August, raising more than \$220 million for ALS research.

The center came together thanks to the generosity of the Yawkey Foundations and a growing community of donors. "It is a great way to honor Pete Frates," the William V. Campbell Director of Athletics Martin Jarmond said at the naming ceremony, "while supporting a facility that will be of tremendous benefit to our baseball and softball teams." ■

# Curtain Call: Eagles on Broadway

Meet the Boston College  
alumni who are reshaping  
American theater

By Billy McEntee '14

Been to a major Broadway show in recent years? Chances are that Boston College alumni were involved in the production. They may have even starred in it or helped to get it developed.

With work on shows such as *Holiday Inn*, *What the Constitution Means to Me*, and the Great White Way's newest blockbuster, *Hadestown*, BC alumni are making a mark on American theater—creating jobs, picking up Tony and Grammy awards, and earning rave reviews from critics (sometimes, they're even the ones writing the reviews).

In other words, it is hardly an exaggeration to say that artists who got their start at BC are today dominating the theater world—on Broadway, at highly regarded regional theaters, and beyond. These trailblazing Eagles are pushing theater daringly forward as a medium with the singular plays and musicals they write and the under-sung characters they bring to life as actors, producers, dramaturgs, and more.

A collaborative art form, theater depends on creatives with specific skill sets to bring a production from page to stage. Everyone, quite literally, has a role to play.

Here, we spotlight six Eagles forging unique paths in theater. Despite their varied careers, they share a love for and commitment to boundary-pushing works that are diversifying and enriching the American canon.

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### 1 Bryce Pinkham '05

A prolific stage actor, Pinkham has been seen on Broadway in hit plays and musicals alike, including *Ghost*, *The Heidi Chronicles*, *Holiday Inn*, and *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*. For his hysterical turn in *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, Pinkham received both a Grammy Award and a Tony nomination.

### 2 Richard Lawson '05

The influential theater critic has been a steadfast and trusted voice for more than a decade in the constantly evolving field of journalism. Lawson is *Vanity Fair*'s chief

critic (in addition to theater, he covers television and film), and he previously wrote for respected publications and sites such as *The Atlantic*, *The Guardian*, and *Gawker*. He is also the author of the Boston-set novel *All We Can Do Is Wait*.

### 3 Sarah Lunn '08

A dramaturg, Lunn started out at two of the country's best-known institutions for championing new works: Actors Theatre of Louisville and Playwrights Horizons, in New York. These days, her work helps to shape many of today's landmark plays. Her superb storytelling has guided such semi-



nal pieces as the Tony-nominated *A Doll's House, Part 2* by Lucas Hnath, the Pulitzer finalist *What the Constitution Means to Me* by Heidi Schreck, and the Drama Desk-nominated *Miles for Mary*—a play put on by the Mad Ones theater group, of which Lunnie is a company member.

#### ④ Patrick Lazour '13

Lazour's musical *We Live in Cairo*, co-written with his brother Daniel, premiered last summer at the powerhouse American Repertory Theater in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Though the musical—which won the prestigious Richard Rodgers Award for

Musical Theater—was Lazour's professional debut, it was hardly his first work: His original musical *The Grand Room* premiered in the Bonn Studio Theatre during his senior year at BC.

#### ⑤ Sean Patrick Flahaven '95

A Tony Award-winning producer who has helmed numerous recent hits, Flahaven co-produced this year's Best Musical winner, *Hadestown*, and is also president of Concord Theatricals, which represents a pair of Tony-winning productions: Best Revival of a Musical, *Oklahoma!* and Best Revival of a Play, *The Boys in the Band*. Flahaven

also has won a Grammy, as an associate producer of the *Hamilton* Broadway cast album, meaning he's halfway to winning a coveted EGOT—Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony.

#### ⑥ Jeff Augustin '08

A winner of the Lorraine Hansberry Playwriting Award and Rella Lossy Award, Augustin presented his gripping *The Last Tiger in Haiti* at the Bay Area's renowned Berkeley Rep in 2016. Augustin's new play, the poignant and probing *The New Englanders*, debuts Off Broadway this fall at the acclaimed Manhattan Theatre Club.

# Sports // Highlights from Boston College athletics



Hockey coach Jerry York addressing his team after a Hockey East semifinal game in March.

## Jerry York: Hall of Famer

It was June and the Hockey Hall of Fame was trying to reach Jerry York with some big news: He had just become only the fifth college hockey coach to be elected to the hall. Now if only he would pick up the phone so they could tell him.

"With the advent of these robocalls, I never answer," York '57 said. "Every time I've been foolish enough to answer it's 'Oh, you owe back taxes' or 'The federal government is investigating you and your son has been captured.' So, I just let it ring. And then five minutes later it rang again."

When York finally did pick up, he learned of his election to the hall of fame. "It set me back a little bit," he recalled. "I wasn't expecting it. I never thought of it." York was an All-American hockey player at Boston College before spending more than two decades coaching at Bowling

Green State University and Clarkson University. He took over as coach at BC in 1994 and, with 1,067 regular-season victories to date, is the winningest college hockey coach in history. He's also the all-time leader in NCAA Tournament wins with forty-one, has coached five national championship teams, and has sent fifty-seven players to the NHL.

Add it all up, and it's a hall of fame résumé. "I started thinking of all of the assistant coaches I've had," he said, "all the players that played for me...this is kind of a shout-out to all of them that helped the process." Still, York said he prefers to continue to focus on the same two goals he always has: chasing trophies and graduating players. He's led BC to four titles, but the last one was in 2012. "It's been too long," he said, smiling. "We have to win another one."

—Jacqueline Tempera

## IN MEMORIAM

### Cathy Inglese

Known for her love of the game, motivational speeches, and on-court success, former Boston College women's basketball coach Cathy Inglese passed away in July. Inglese, who was 60, coached at BC from 1993 to 2008, leaving as the winningest coach in the program's history. Former players and the larger basketball community remembered Inglese as a dedicated and warm leader. Aimee McGuire Coen, who was Inglese's first recruit at BC, in 1994, told the *Boston Globe* that Inglese "demanded excellence from everybody that surrounded her." Inglese led the Eagles to their only Big East Tournament championship in 2004, when the team captured the title by winning games on four consecutive days. "Those four games personified what Cathy was all about..." Bill Gould, Inglese's assistant for eight seasons at BC, told *Sports Illustrated*. "Cathy instilled a mentality in her players to be ready for every situation—and we were better that day."





## Boston College Worldwide

A new online mentoring site connects BC students and alumni

There may be no more valuable resource for current Boston College students than past Boston College students. With 182,000 Eagles spread across some 145 countries, the BC alumni network is truly international. To help better unlock its potential, the Boston College Alumni Association and the Career Center recently unveiled Eagle Exchange, an online mentoring platform that links students with alumni from around the world.

At the site ([bc.edu/eagleexchange](http://bc.edu/eagleexchange)), alumni can complete a profile and choose how they want to engage, from serving as a mentor to providing industry insights to helping with résumé and interview preparation. Students and other alumni can then reach out to make a connection.

"Our alumni have always expressed an interest in giving back by way of supporting current students as mentors," said Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations Leah M. DeCosta. "We are now able to provide our alumni the opportunity to engage in a more meaningful way by sharing their career journeys and experiences with not only current students, but fellow alumni."

"We have been looking for a way to scale student access to alumni worldwide for career advice," said Associate Vice President for Career Services Joseph Du Pont, "and Eagle Exchange helps us do that without losing the personal component of these relationships." ■

# Meet the New VPs

## BC announces three vice-president hirings



**Joy Moore '81**  
Vice President for  
Student Affairs

Moore oversees twelve divisions at the University, all touching on student life outside the classroom.

“We help students learn to advocate for themselves, to navigate challenging situations, and to develop a broader worldview as they begin to chart their course for the future.” ■



**Mara Hermano**  
Vice President for  
Institutional Research  
and Planning

Hermano heads up the University's use of data analysis to inform strategic priorities.

“A robust planning culture and effective use of data positions institutions to better respond to challenges. BC is strong in these areas and has ambitions to address these critical issues.” ■



**Amy Yancey**  
Vice President for  
Development

Yancey oversees Boston College's fundraising efforts.

“I am honored to join Boston College, where my passions are so closely aligned with the strategic priorities of the University and the Jesuit commitment of men and women for others.” ■

### IN MEMORIAM

## Alberto Godenzi

Alberto Godenzi, the former dean of the Boston College School of Social Work and vice provost of global engagement, died in October of complications from leukemia. He was 66. Under Godenzi's leadership, the BCSSW rose to international prominence: The school climbed to tenth in the *U.S. News* rankings; applications grew from 400 to 1,200; AHANA representation increased at the school from 10 percent to 40 percent; and research funding quadrupled. He helped to launch nationally recognized programs such as the Latinx Leadership Initiative, the Center for Social Innovation, and the Immigrant Integration Lab. A native of Switzerland, Godenzi was fluent in five languages. His own research focused on violence against women, and he was part of the Council of Europe's Group of Specialists for Combating Violence Against Women. He is survived by his wife, Brigitte, daughter, Franca, and son-in-law, John Nurczynski.



# Fitness Forward

Introducing the sparkling new Margot Connell Recreation Center

The state-of-the-art facility opened this summer. It has four floors, 244,000 square feet of space, and just about everything any workout warrior could hope for. The facility is named for Margot Connell, who in addition to being a trustee associate, honorary degree recipient, and wife of the late William F. "Bill" Connell '59, is the mother of six Boston College graduates, and the grandmother of three BC graduates and three undergraduates. Here's a look inside the new recreation center.





#### OTHER FEATURES:

- Indoor soccer space
- Golf simulation room
- Squash and racquetball courts
- Modern locker facilities
- Outdoor Adventures HQ





# Justice in Global Public Health

**Professor Andrea Vicini discusses the ethical case for fighting climate change and environmental pollution.**

By John Wolfson

The growing threat posed by climate change and environmental pollution has been exhaustively detailed. Often overlooked, though, is how those dangers intersect with social justice. This subject was a major theme at the September conference “Ethical Challenges in Global Public Health: Climate Change, Pollution and the Health of the Poor” (sponsored by the Theology Department and the School of Theology and Ministry), which brought together academics from across the world. I recently sat down with Andrea Vicini, SJ, a conference organizer and the Michael P. Walsh, SJ, Professor of Bioethics, to discuss the moral case for addressing climate change and environmental pollution, and why Boston College—which has just launched a new Global Public Health and the Common Good undergraduate minor—is uniquely called to help. Following are highlights from our conversation.

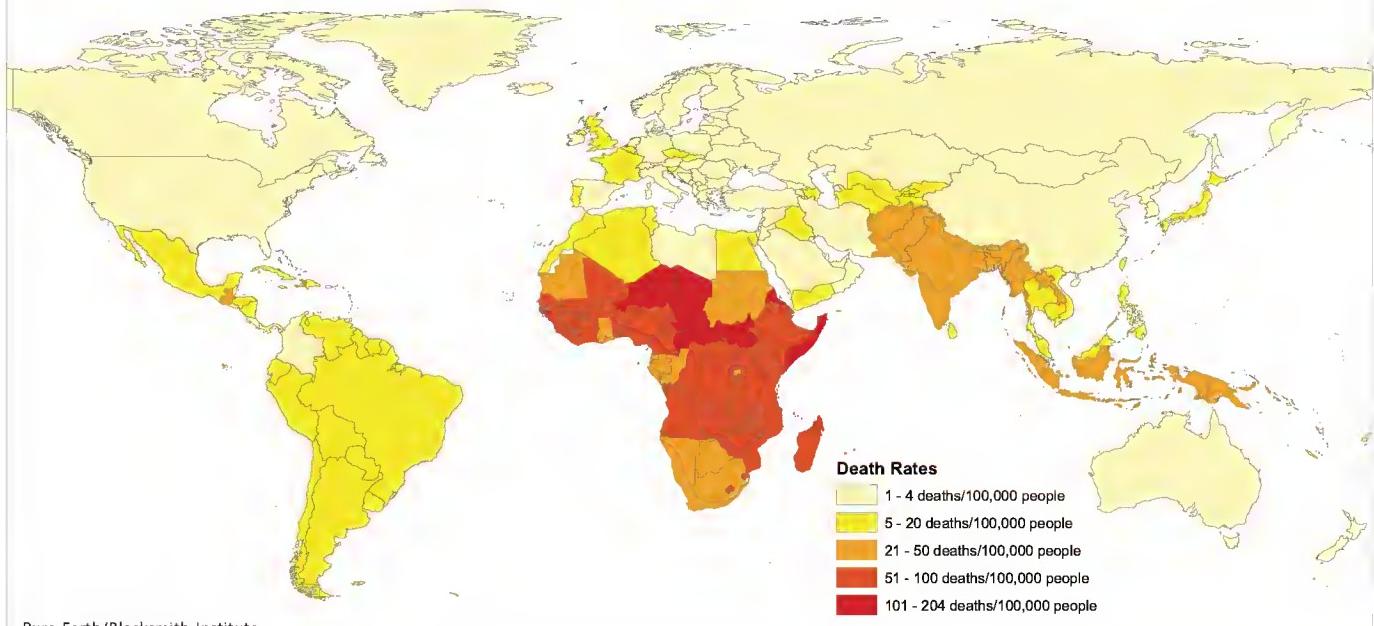
## Why we need an improved model for global public health

“In the approach to global public health, there has been something missing: a clear commitment to the well-being of the poor and those in need. The belief has been that it’s sufficient to address the issues from a pragmatic point of view—developing solutions. We do need to find solutions: clean energy, reducing waste, decontaminating the planet. But these issues are also part of what it means to promote a just world. The people in the global South are already suffering the consequences of climate change: more days with very high temperatures, more difficulty growing crops, drought. They are not as responsible for it, in terms of the production of CO<sub>2</sub> and pollutants, as those in the global North. We might say, ‘It’s their problem, we can protect ourselves.’ Right now, we can. We don’t feel the effects of climate change to the same degree. Yes, there is more variability in our weather, stronger storms, devastating hurricanes, but we can handle all of that for now because we are a developed society. But it’s not just unjust to think of it as their problem and not ours—it’s also a mistake. Everything in health and in the environment is interconnected. For example, with our changing climate, disease vectors like mosquitoes are now in parts of the world where we didn’t have them before, spreading diseases that will become endemic. From a bigger perspective, we need to find ways to promote development of the global South, along with integrated justice—not making them pay for what we caused in terms of pollution and damage to the environment because of the way we live our lives. We need to assume our responsibilities as the global North and reflect on our way of life, and probably we need to change the way in which we live, travel, eat our food—the way in which we consume energy.”

## Why Boston College is called to lead on this issue

“Justice in global public health and the environment is a Catholic commitment, it is a Christian commitment, and it is a Jesuit commitment. To use terminology that is part of Catholic social teaching and

## Pollution-related disease falls most heavily on low- and middle-income countries



the official magisterium of the Catholic Church, a preferential option for the poor is what we are committed to promote. And that means we engage with all our creativity, energy, imagination, and resources to create conditions for a greater justice, caring for those who are left out. We are called to work together with those who are in need and not work *for* them, but to work *with* them and their own competence and expertise. We have clear declarations and commitments aimed at promoting rights in the area of health and the environment, yet we are in a political and social moment where we see more and more of these rights being undermined. And so as Christians, as Catholics, and as those engaged in Jesuit education, we are called to make a difference and address these issues that are not being addressed sufficiently."

### On Boston College's new Global Public Health and the Common Good minor

"It was launched at the beginning of this semester. The response has been overwhelming. It was filled in a couple of days. We had students from across the universi-

ty sign up, with majors in everything from the humanities, economics, and history to biology and pre-med. They saw how this focus on global public health could integrate with the training from their major to promote what is good for humankind and the planet. There are three required courses and three electives. The optional courses cut across disciplinary interest—philosophy, theology, history, law—so the students can learn both the scientific component that's required in epidemiological studies and these more differentiated interests. The minor is offered through the new Schiller Institute, and we hope it will eventually become a major. First we'll have the construction of a home for the Schiller Institute, which will be a space to focus on major areas of research and education: health, environment, energy, and data. We'll have the opportunity to train future generations of leaders, practitioners, social activists, CEOs, and educators with an interdisciplinary approach that combines sciences and humanities. So perhaps the minor aims to shape a way of being in the world, because it seems to me that not only this minor but the entire university aims to train people who will work for the

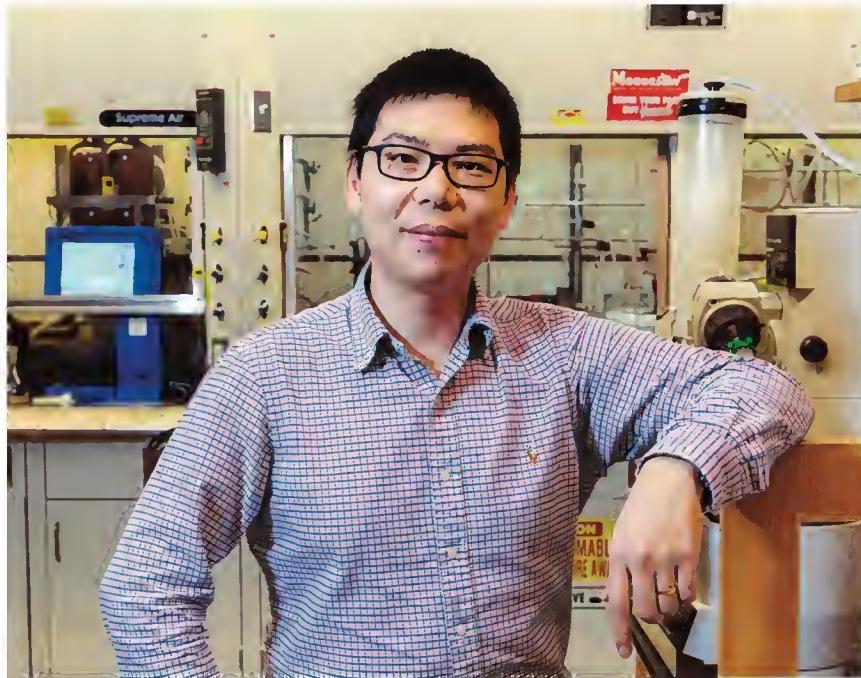
common good, who care for justice—justice not only for themselves and their own, but justice for everyone."

### On the response to the "Ethical Challenges in Global Public Health" conference

We brought together experts from around the world, with disciplines in everything from the sciences, medicine, and the law to social work, theology, and economics. The panel discussions were well attended and energizing, and right up to the end of the day people continued to engage with one another. It was the first occasion for the conference, and some have suggested that this could become an annual event. Perhaps at the beginning of the academic year the Global Public Health and the Common Good minor could organize a conference, keeping us engaged and enriched by reflecting on issues that challenge us in the area of public health and invite us to promote the common good. We'll see. But for the moment, we are happy that there was such interest and participation." ■

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# Research // The latest findings from Boston College



## "Extraordinarily Creative" BC Researcher Jia Niu Receives Major Award

Jia Niu, an assistant professor of chemistry, has received a \$2.3 million Director's New Innovator Award from the National Institutes of Health, the second time this year that Niu's work has been recognized with a major award. The NIH grant, announced in October, is part of the organization's High-Risk, High-Reward Research Program, which funds biomedical or behavioral research proposed by "extraordinarily creative scientists." It supports highly innovative research proposals that have transformative potential but that may struggle in the traditional peer review process because of their inherent risk.

Niu, the first Boston College recipient of a New Innovator Award, said the NIH funding will expand his research agenda into the development of new genomic editing tools that may one day help explain

the interplay of genes in a complex gene network and their roles in disease. "I am honored and very grateful for the generous support from NIH through the New Innovator Award, as well as to Boston College and my department for providing me opportunity and encouragement in developing my research program," he said. "I would also like to thank the postdocs and graduate and undergraduate students in my group whose hard and creative work made this award possible."

Earlier this year, Niu was one of ten researchers from across the United States to be named a Beckman Foundation Young Investigator, an honor that carries with it a four-year, \$600,000 grant to support the chemist's research into sustainably oriented polymers. He is also the recipient of a Thieme Chemistry Journals Award.

*—Ed Hayward*

## Cancer in the Crosshairs

An international research team led by Professor of Biology Thomas N. Seyfried has found that combining a tumor-fighting drug with the ketogenic diet can help to manage an aggressive form of brain cancer known as glioblastoma. The researchers concluded that the high-fat, low-carb keto diet, paired with the antibiotic DON, can destroy major cells in the cancer, which resists traditional treatment protocols. The diet-drug combination was able to penetrate the blood-brain barrier that shields the brain from both injury and interventions. "It appears from this study and our previous study with another drug, that the restricted ketogenic diet can be considered a novel drug-delivery system for the brain," Seyfried said. "There is no drug known that can do this." The results of the study were released in a paper co-authored by a number of researchers, including Seyfried and BC Senior Research Scientist Purna Mukherjee. Next, the team will explore whether the pairing could help patients with other malignant cancers.

*—E.H.*

## Immigration Study Funded

The Lynch School of Education and Human Development recently received a \$575,000 award to help fund a study about how public school educators can best interpret and respond to the country's rapidly changing immigration policies. "The ongoing changes to the immigration system are threatening immigrant-origin students' socioemotional well-being and exacerbate existing inequalities in many ways," said Associate Professor Rebecca Lowenhaupt, the principal investigator on the two-year project. Under Lowenhaupt's leadership, researchers from BC, Harvard, Rutgers, and the University of Washington will partner with six school districts from across the country, working to find ways to support their students.

*—Phil Gloudemanns*



## Now that's how you celebrate 100 years of music

This image of the one and only Boston College Marching Band performing in the Bapst Library is taken from a new video celebrating the band program's centennial. In accordance with the quiet-area rules of the library's Gargan Hall, the

band members didn't actually play their instruments (though "For Boston" was piped in on a Bluetooth speaker to help them keep timing while swaying their instruments back and forth). The library scene required eight takes, shot from a

variety of angles. The video is the brain-child of BC Senior Creative Producer John Walsh '17, who collaborated on its creation with Dave Healey, director of the Marching Band. Visit [bc.edu/bands](http://bc.edu/bands) to see the whole thing.

# Books // Recent titles from the BC community

# Sometimes You Just Have to Start Your Own Publishing Company

Nancy Paulsen '78 found an innovative solution to the lack of diversity in children's books.

By Jacqueline Tempera

**A**s a child, books were a form of travel for Nancy Paulsen '78. *Madeline* and *The Outsiders* transported her to Paris or the streets of Tulsa. No matter where books took her, though, the characters in them always looked a lot like her: a white girl. So when Paulsen landed in the editorial department at the Penguin publishing house after graduating from BC, she started building relationships with authors who had fresh perspectives.

More than two decades later, she's still at Penguin—though as president of the Nancy Paulsen Books imprint—and she's still publishing the kinds of authors and books she longed for as a child. "As kids today grow up, they can't stay sheltered and insulated," Paulsen said. "Empathy comes with being open-minded and valuing lives and experiences that are different."



Nancy Paulsen Books publishes fifteen children's titles a year, books like Aisha Saeed's *Amal Unbound*, which explores the life of a Pakistani girl forced into indentured servitude. Saeed told me that Paulsen has been "a champion of diverse voices and stories since the beginning."

Other notable Paulsen titles include Jacqueline Woodson's acclaimed *Brown*

*Girl Dreaming*, a lyrical novel that plunges readers into the civil rights movement in the South Carolina of the 1960s, and Lynda Mullaly Hunt's bestseller *Fish in a Tree*, about a girl with dyslexia.

"I try to have most of my books show kids that life is hard and painful and complicated and confusing," Paulsen said, "but there is hope." ■

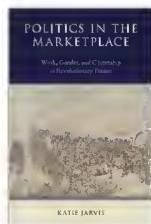
**Katie Jarvis '07**

**Politics in the Marketplace:  
Work, Gender,  
and Citizenship in  
Revolutionary France**

Oxford University Press

The French Revolution

was not solely the work of men at the barricades. In a richly detailed account, Jarvis details the pivotal role that a group of Paris market women, the Dames les Halles, played in shaping the ideas of citizenship in the nascent republic. Jarvis, an assistant professor of history at Notre Dame, shows how this group's social activism (leading a march to Versailles to demand bread) and daily marketplace practices were instrumental in fashioning a new style of economic and political citizenship.



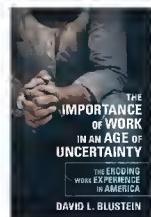
**David L. Blustein**

**The Importance of Work in an Age of Uncertainty:  
The Eroding Work Experience in America**

Oxford University Press

The American worker

is increasingly beset by anxiety, fear, and hopelessness, argues Blustein, a professor of counseling psychology at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development. Blustein arrives at this con-



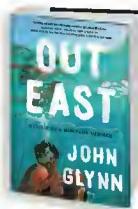
clusion after conducting extensive interviews with workers across the country. He proposes changes in both public policy and corporate behavior to remedy a corrosive workplace unease that he says risks undermining our collective sense of well-being.

**John Glynn '08**

**Out East: Memoir of a Montauk Summer**

Grand Central Publishing

To escape a cloud of loneliness, the author signs up for a summer share and embarks on a season of beaches, bashes, self-discovery, and first love. *O, The Oprah Magazine* named *Out East* one of the "Best L.G.B.T.Q. Books That'll Change the Literary Landscape in 2019."



**Maxim D. Shrayer**

**A Russian Immigrant: Three Novellas**

Cherry Orchard Books

The characters in Shrayer's latest work are a poignant testament to the experience of Russian Jews in America. Shrayer, a professor of Russian, English, and Jewish studies, sets his novellas in Providence, New Haven, and Boston, cities where the protagonists' lives are shaped by the weight of no longer



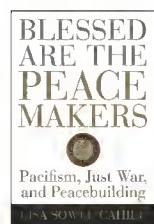
being at home in Russia, while not quite fitting into the American mainstream.

**Lisa Sowle Cahill**

**Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Pacifism, Just War, and Peacebuilding**

Fortress Press

Drawing upon a critical exploration of influential writings—from the Bible and Augustine to Reinhold Niebuhr and recent popes—Cahill challenges the just-war and pacifism arguments of traditional Christian thinking about conflict. Cahill, the J. Donald Monan Professor of Theology, makes a case for proactive, nonviolent peacemaking as an alternative to the ambiguous and ultimately tragic pursuit of a just war.



**Natália Gomes,**

**M.Ed.'10**

**We Are Not Okay:  
Four Girls. Four Voices.  
All Unheard**

Harper Collins

Described as *13 Reasons Why* meets Jennifer

Niven and John Green, Gomes's Young Adult novel tells the intertwined stories of four teenage classmates wrestling with the issues of shaming, bullying, consent, and misogyny.



—Thomas Cooper



Mara Willard, right, with the late author Toni Morrison, center, and Harvard Divinity School faculty in 2012.

## **Goodness and the Literary Imagination**

**Edited by David Carrasco, Stephanie Paulsell, and Mara Willard**  
University of Virginia Press

When Mara Willard learned that Toni Morrison would be speaking at Harvard Divinity School in 2012, she hit the books. In preparation for the talk, Willard, who is now a visiting assistant professor in Boston College's International Studies Program, and sixty of her colleagues studied Morrison's work and wrote essays about its intersection with Catholicism. *Goodness*

*and the Literary Imagination* compiles Morrison's lecture and those essays. Willard had the opportunity to present her essay to the legendary author prior to that talk in 2012. "I think she really appreciated the work," Willard said of Morrison, who passed away in August. "I think that she writes for people in communities, and so this is exactly how she wants people to engage." ■



# To Give and Give Not

How the new tax law is changing the world of charity

By Jacqueline Tempera

One consequence of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 has been its effect on charitable giving, according to Law School Professor Ray Madoff. Among other things, the law nearly doubled the size of the standard federal tax deduction, a change that Madoff recently told me has resulted in fewer people having a financial incentive to give to charity.

Since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was signed into law by President Trump, Madoff said, the participation rate in charitable giving among people taking the standard deduction has dropped from 25

percent to 8.5 percent. "What this means is not only is it likely that fewer dollars are going to charity, but—even more important—charities are going to be forced to direct their work to the interests of the wealthiest Americans because those are the people that are most likely to give them money," said Madoff, an expert in philanthropy policy, taxes, and estate planning. "We're moving toward a world that's even more oriented to the interests of the wealthy than it is now."

Madoff and Roger Colinvaux, a professor at the Catholic University of America's

Columbus School of Law, recently published a paper proposing reforms to the tax laws governing donations to charities. The paper specifically raises concerns about the growing use of donor-advised funds, or DAFs, described as "financial accounts legally held by a public charity sponsor, but effectively controlled by donors." Donors receive tax benefits for gifts to DAFs, the authors write, "yet funds held in DAFs are not truly available for charitable use until the donors release their advisory privilege."

Madoff has been in touch with congressional staffers about the possibility of testifying before lawmakers in support of the reforms outlined in the paper. The goal, she stressed, is a tax system that incentivizes more people to give, ensuring that charities don't reflect the priorities of just the wealthiest Americans. ■

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## Two Awards for SSW's Calvo

Associate Professor Rocío Calvo has received the 2019 Distinguished Recent Contributions to Social Work Education Award. In presenting the award this fall at its annual program meeting, the Council on Social Work Education recognized Calvo as "a leading scholar in the field of immigration and social welfare" and a "model of positive disruption in the field." Calvo is the founder of the School of Social Work's Latinx Leadership Initiative. Students take classes in Spanish and complete field practice training with Latinx communities in preparation for working with Spanish-speaking clients using evidence-based interventions. About twenty-five students graduate from the Master of Social Work program each year. In June, Calvo was awarded a Russell Sage Foundation grant for research into how older Latinx immigrants access social services. "The project moves the focus to a group that has not been explored," she said, "yet is the fastest-growing segment of the older population in America."

—Nathan Tavares



## BC in the News // Our experts quoted in the media

**The Boston Globe**  
**On potential political resistance to Medicare for All:** "It's not at all clear there would be cost savings. I think there would be logistical problems. I think people just are not culturally inclined to entrust so much about the financing and design of their health coverage to the federal government."

—Mary Ann Chirba, John C. Ford, SJ, Distinguished Scholar, BC Law School, September 11, 2019

## America

**On the Trump administration's immigration policies:** "The Catholic social tradition recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their borders, but the right is not understood to be absolute. In the case of blatant human rights violations, the right to state sovereignty is relativized by the tradition's primary commitment to protecting human dignity.... In situations where individuals face war, pervasive gang violence or desperate poverty, the tradition supports the right to migrate, so they can live free from credible fears of violence or the inability to feed their children."

—Kristin Heyer, Professor of Theology, September 20, 2019

## The Washington Post

**On whether President Trump needs to have broken a law in order to be impeached:** "If I was a lawyer in the House, I would say even though I can't point to a statute, that doesn't mean this is not grounds for impeachment... We don't have a federal crime of 'abuse of office.'"

—George Brown, Robert Drinan, SJ, Professor of Law, BC Law School, September 27, 2019

## The New York Times

**On the potential for cuts to Social Security benefits:** "This is now a big enough issue that I think people should actually become politically active and let their congressmen and senators know how they feel about this program and how they think the financial shortfalls should be filled...I cannot think of a more serious problem going forward than the fact that benefits might have to be cut by 25 percent if we don't have some political action."

—Alicia Munnell, Peter F. Drucker Professor of Management Sciences, Carroll School of Management, June, 21, 2019

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

**On voter attitudes toward the 2020 election:** "This is going to be an election where a lot of people are going to have their minds made up no matter what. And in some ways that gives (candidates) more freedom to satisfy the activists in their party."

—Dave Hopkins, Associate Professor of Political Science, June 22, 2019

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AS IT TURNS FIFTY,  
BOSTON COLLEGE'S  
SERVICE LEARNING  
PROGRAM HAS NEVER  
BEEN MORE POPULAR





## T ALL STARTED WITH A PHONE CALL IN 1969.

Joe Fitzpatrick, president of the student government, had an idea for his friend Pat Byrne, who'd just graduated. "He called me up and said he'd like to hire me as a consultant to plan an internship program where students work in the community and get academic credit for it," Byrne recalled. "I didn't have any idea about what the program would actually be. We kind of made it up as we went along."

What it's become, of course, is the PULSE Program for Service Learning, in which students earn academic credit for a program that combines volunteer work at Boston community service organizations with the study of the great works of theology and philosophy. "They learn from people who are engaged with deep personal commitments to human service in community service agencies, and also from a philosophical, theological reflection on the themes of justice, injustice, suffering, hope, freedom, and acting ethically," said Byrne, a professor of philosophy who was PULSE's first director and who has taught in the program since 1975. "The readings and service work reinforce each other."

Fifty years after its founding, PULSE is one of BC's most popular, innovative, and influential programs. Nearly 18,000 students have participated, with the numbers growing each year. Today, more than 500 students volunteer as part of PULSE each semester. "For a half-century, PULSE program students and faculty have built a remarkable legacy while giving new life to Boston College's distinctive mission," said Provost David Quigley. "I've long been impressed by our alumni's deep affec-

tion for the program and appreciation for the profound difference that a year (or more) in PULSE made in their lives."

You'll meet such alumni in the stories ahead, people for whom the PULSE experience continues to resonate many, many years past graduation. Some have children who've followed them through the program. Others continue to nurture relationships formed during their community service. Still others have seen their career plans changed by their time in PULSE.

"It's a remarkable program that has had a deep and far-reaching impact on those involved with it," said PULSE Director Meghan T. Sweeney. "It forms students as human beings who care about social justice issues and care for individuals who suffer because of poverty, addiction, and oppression."

For his part, Byrne said he's "astonished at what PULSE has become. I pushed this small canoe out into the stream and it's come back a great ship. It's the unexpected result of the work of an unexpectedly large group of people. And I am in awe of that."

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To learn more about PULSE and its fiftieth-anniversary events, go to [bc.edu/pulse50](http://bc.edu/pulse50).

# The Tiles That Bind

What a game of dominoes taught me about human connection.

BY JOHN WALSH '17

"All right, Boston College, all right, Boston College—more where that came from!" The words cascaded through the crowded lobby of Boston's Pine Street Inn, rising above the subdued chatter and the slamming of domino tiles on a cafeteria table. It was a cold afternoon in February of 2016, and I was playing dominoes alongside Roger, the best player at the Inn. That's what he called me—Boston College—and sitting among these dozens of homeless men, it felt as though the privilege of attending BC were plastered on my forehead.

I'd been a PULSE volunteer for nearly a year by that point, and it had taken me months to work up the confidence to play dominoes with the guests. But on that particular afternoon, doing so seemed like the best way for me to connect. And to connect was always the goal. I spent eight hours a week in that crowded Pine Street lobby—where hundreds of homeless men sat at cafeteria tables awaiting meal service and emergency shelter—and each time I walked in, I tried to determine how best I could relate to them.

Back to that *I attend Boston College* sign on my forehead: Whenever I entered the lobby, I would have to read the room and quickly gauge what the guests in front of me might welcome. For some, it was a smile and a nod of the head. For others, small talk about Tom Brady's performance last Sunday. Sometimes, it was leaving a guest alone altogether, or simply listening during 90 percent of our interaction. And every so often, it took the form I craved most—genuine conversation. Hearing the life story of one of the men was, to me, the most treasured part of my time at Pine Street.

As a PULSE student, I wasn't there to put on a hairnet and hand out cafeteria trays across a countertop. I was there to accompany the guests—to simply treat them as just that, guests—and to be present among them. The goal was to extend the simple, human gestures not often afforded to these men—a listening ear, eye contact, compassion—and in so doing, to build relationships that transcended the typical boundaries and stigmas associated with homelessness. But, this was certainly not easy. There were many days when I'd leave that busy shelter lobby with feelings of uncertainty, guilt, frustration, or sadness, feelings I'd process with my fellow PULSE volunteers on the T ride back to the Heights. On the other hand, there was nothing quite like the joy of sharing a genuine connection with a guest and watching that relationship grow each week. I shared conversations with these men about joy, suffering, loss, regret, hope, and what we all cherish most in life.

Although no BC PULSE student could solve homelessness or take away the trauma experienced by these men, the one thing we could do was offer our presence—showing up consistently and maintaining an open heart. That

## PULSE Through the Years: A Timeline

### Fall 1969

Joe Fitzpatrick, president of the Undergraduate Government of Boston College, calls his friend Pat Byrne, who'd just graduated, and asks for help with a new initiative to grant students academic credit for internships in "the real world."



Pat Byrne in October 1970.

### Spring 1970

The first PULSE courses are offered, three in philosophy and one in psychology. Sixty students register for courses and serve at one of 8 community agencies.

### 1971

The first PULSE Council of 15 students is selected by Byrne. The members serve as student leaders in the program and assist supervisors. (Today the council has 18 members.)

AT RIGHT: The PULSE Council in 1975.





The author, photographed in October outside the Pine Street Inn in Boston.

could take the form of anything from dominoes with Roger to a cherished, meaningful conversation. It was all about us extending simple gestures of love toward one another, of recognizing our shared humanity. To be a part of this legacy, to be among the thousands of PULSE students who

have showed up consistently and opened their hearts for fifty years, will always be one of my most valued experiences. And as PULSE looks to the future, I can't help but defer to my dominoes partner and say, "All right, Boston College—more where that came from!"

#### 1976–77

The Self and Social Responsibility course is introduced. The following academic year it will be renamed Person and Social Responsibility, a two-semester offering that satisfies the Philosophy and Theology core requirements—and has become the signature PULSE course.

#### 1985

The University begins funding the operating expenses of PULSE, assuming the responsibility from UGBC. The switch brings financial stability to the program.

#### 1995–96

The program embarks on a major expansion, with new courses and community partners added, and the director position is given faculty status.

#### Fall 2019

As it hits the half-century mark, the PULSE program continues to grow, with nearly 500 students and 57 community partners.

AT RIGHT: Today's PULSE office in Stokes Hall.



# Enduring Bonds

For some students, the relationships formed during a PULSE placement do not end when they complete the program. Just ask Frantz Berthaud '08.

BY JACQUELINE TEMPERA

The connections built during PULSE community service work can be so powerful that many students look back on their time in the program as changing the trajectory of their lives. And for some of those students, the relationships continue to grow long after they've left the program.

Take Frantz Berthaud '08. He met the brothers Akosa and Duby Maduegbunam in 2005 after receiving a PULSE placement at Nativity Preparatory School, a Jesuit school in Boston that educates boys from low-income families. Berthaud was assigned to tutor the Maduegbunam brothers, but the connection quickly transcended schoolwork.

The boys were still emotionally struggling with the unexpected death of their father, a preacher and Nigerian immigrant, who suffered cardiac arrest when Akosa was nine and Duby was six. "I was a lost boy looking for direction," recalled Akosa, who is now twenty-six.

As it happened, Berthaud was looking for something, too. He'd arrived at Boston College the year before, after living in both Brooklyn and Salem, Massachusetts, and immediately experienced a kind of culture shock. "I had never been around that much affluence," he said. "Being at Nativity Prep helped me to quell this imposter syndrome I was carrying around. I just fell in love. I saw a lot of myself in those young men."

Berthaud worked to connect with the brothers, drawing on shared interests in hip-hop and basketball. The bond that developed extended well beyond Berthaud's time in PULSE. He has continued to maintain a presence in their lives, following their progress as Akosa graduated from Long Island University and Duby earned a degree from



Morehouse College. The three men stay in regular touch to this day and grab breakfast whenever they find themselves in the same place. "It was more than him tutoring me or passing a math class," Duby said. "Frantz is always one phone call or a text away." Akosa, meanwhile, confirmed



ABOVE: Frantz Berthaud, right, remains a mentor to Akosa Maduegbunam and his brother, Duby, whom Berthaud met during a PULSE placement at Nativity Preparatory School.  
LEFT: Akosa and Duby, photographed in 2014.

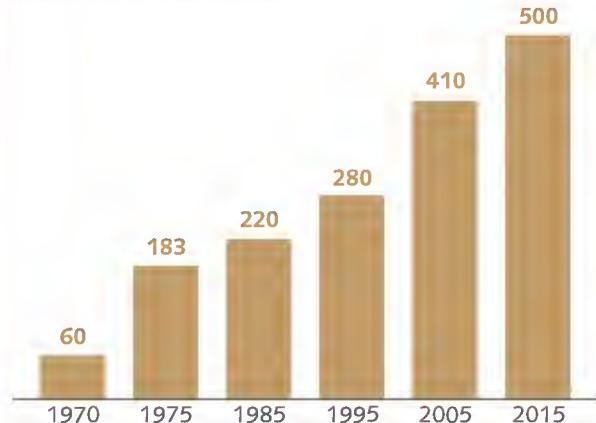
Boston University, and—for the past eleven years—worked at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where today he is the administrative director of thoracic oncology. After all these years, he still enjoys sharing pictures from the old days with Akosa and Duby. “I show them, Here you are in middle school! Seeing what they’ve become is amazing. I remember where they were emotionally, academically, and now I see them thriving. We formed an incredible bond. That’s why we’re friends today. We had a transformative experience together.”

that Berthaud is still “The Man”—quick with a Jay-Z lyric, a piece of advice, or a goofy joke.

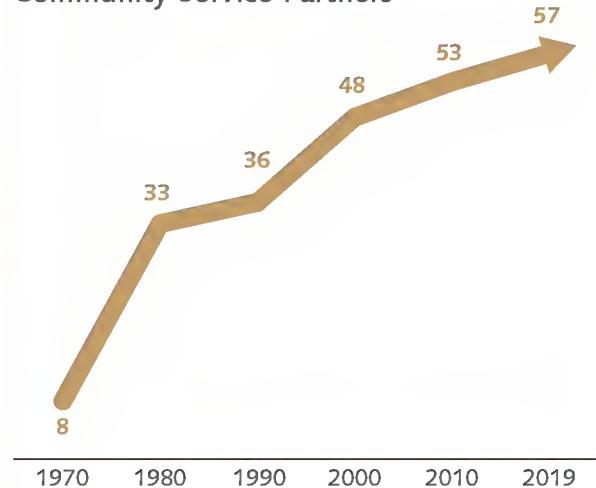
In the time since he first met the Maduegbunam brothers, Berthaud has graduated from BC, earned a master’s degree in public health from

## PULSE by the Numbers

### Student Enrollment



### Community Service Partners



### Longtime Community Partners

#### 43 YEARS

##### HALEY HOUSE

Provides food security, housing, and job training services.

#### 42 YEARS

##### SAMARITANS

Provides suicide-prevention services, awareness, and support.

##### PINE STREET INN

Provides housing, emergency services, and workforce development to those experiencing homelessness.

#### 41 YEARS

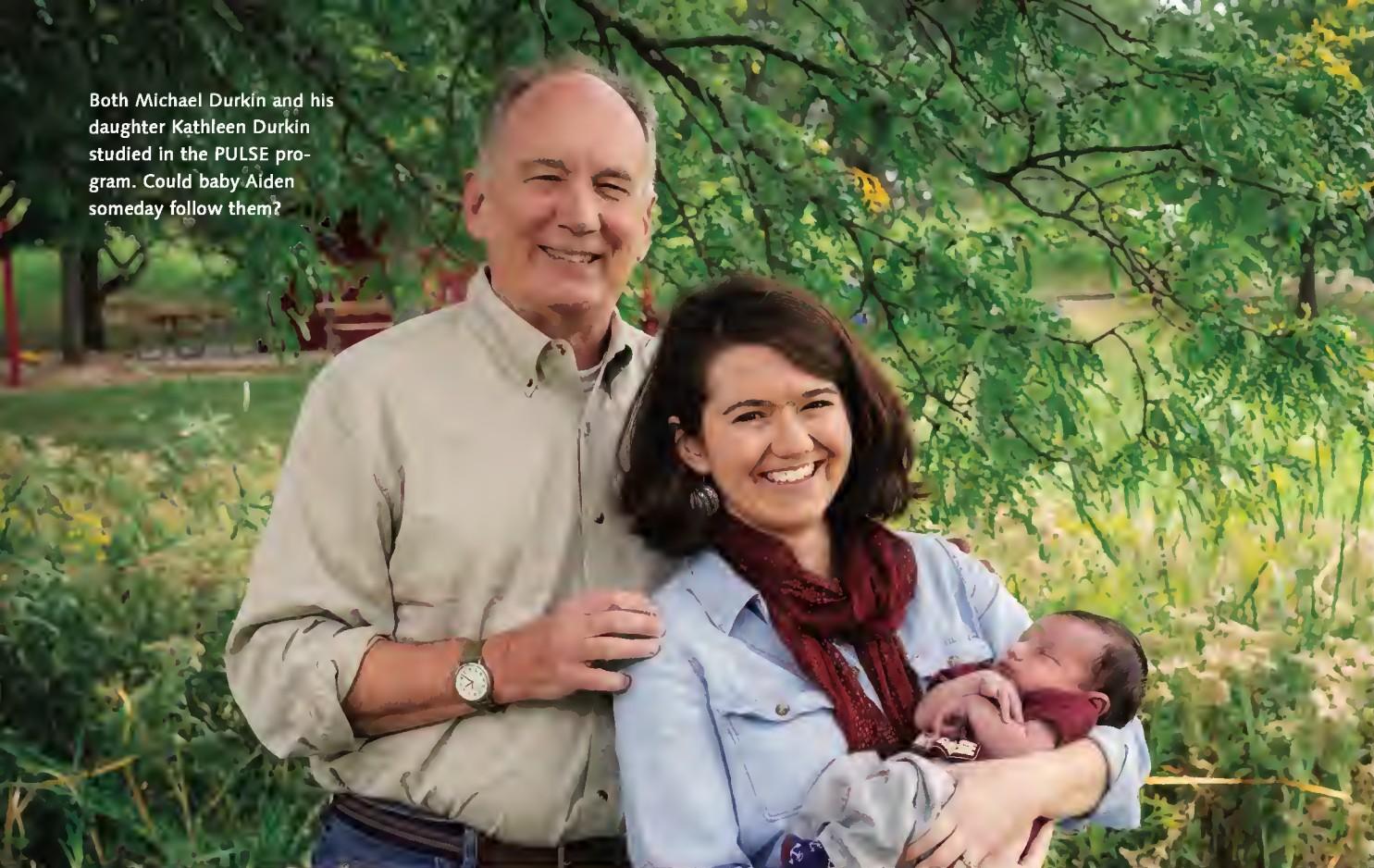
##### NEWTON WELLESLEY

WESTON COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY LIVING  
Provides housing, services, and advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

##### ROSIE'S PLACE

Helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity, and find security.

Both Michael Durkin and his daughter Kathleen Durkin studied in the PULSE program. Could baby Aiden someday follow them?



## All in the Family

PULSE is a tradition for the Durkins.

BY ALIX HACKETT

For a number of families, PULSE is more than a program—it's a tradition that's been passed down through multiple generations. That's certainly true for the Durkins, a father-daughter duo whose shared commitment to the common good was inspired by their PULSE experiences.

These days, Michael Durkin '77 is the CEO of United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, but back in 1976, he was a Boston College junior looking for a way to get more involved in the community. When a resident advisor told him about the program, he signed up and joined the PULSE Council soon after. Durkin wound up overseeing two placements focused on providing after-school programs to at-risk youth, and developed a love for service work that would lead him to a 43-year career with United Way. (He plans to retire in 2020.)

The experience seems to have inspired his parenting, as well. His daughter, Kathleen Durkin '11, SSW'16, STM'16, attended a Jesuit high school and recalls a home life that emphasized the lives of others. "We were always thinking

about people who were less fortunate, thinking about the impact we had on other people," Kathleen said. "It was an environment that really valued service."

At BC, the younger Durkin enrolled in PULSE as a freshman and later followed in her father's footsteps as a member of the PULSE Council. She spent many early mornings in the Haley House soup kitchen, dishing up oatmeal for guests in the same room where her father had once volunteered. And once a week, she co-taught a cooking class for neighborhood elementary school students. Both experiences solidified her desire to build a career helping others, and today she is a social worker. "It felt like such an invitation towards authenticity," she said of her time volunteering. "The opportunity to spend time around people who have really different challenges—it shaped my career aspirations and also what type of citizen I want to be."

This fall, Kathleen and her husband, Jeremy Vincent '11, welcomed baby Aiden to their family, opening up the possibility of three generations of PULSE participants. "Were Aiden to decide to attend Boston College, it would be neat to see the tradition continue," Kathleen said.

Whatever his grandson's future, Michael said that watching his daughter discover her path in service has been gratifying. "I often say I don't believe in legacies," he said, "but the idea that things that were valuable and important to me in my life have continued on with Kathleen is so great. That is really a gift that PULSE gave to her and to me."

# For These Leaders, PULSE Inspired a Lifetime of Community Service

## David Manzo '77, P'06

President and Executive Director,  
the Cotting School

Dave Manzo was so moved by his PULSE placement at the Community Advancement Program that he left BC for a year to work at the organization, which provides services to at-risk and gang-involved youth. He eventually finished his philosophy degree, and later returned to the program (now called COMPASS). Times were tough and the organization was on the verge of closing, so Manzo put his home up as collateral for a loan...while his wife was pregnant. Things improved and Manzo wound up running COMPASS for twenty years, leaving in 2004. He's been president ever since of the Cotting School, which educates kids with special needs, and has been a PULSE adjunct professor for nearly four decades.



## Mary Kudless '73

Retired Deputy Director, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

Mary Kudless's first PULSE placement was at the Joshua Center, a campus support center where BC students provided counseling and referral services. That work, and subsequent rotations in clinical nursing settings, led Kudless to a rewarding career in community mental health. A member of the first PULSE Council, she went on to earn a master's degree in psychiatric nursing, and eventually served as the deputy director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, which delivers services for people who have mental illness, substance use disorders, or developmental disabilities. Now retired, Kudless continues to volunteer weekly at a free clinic providing mental health treatment.



## Jonathan Scott '79

Retired President and CEO,  
Victory Programs

Jonathan Scott started at Victory House during a PULSE placement in 1976 and never left. He worked his way up from volunteer to president and CEO of the agency's parent organization, Victory Programs, which provides services to people dealing with homelessness, substance use, and chronic illnesses such as HIV/AIDS. When he retired this year, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh declared it "Jonathan Scott Day" in the city. For their part, Scott's friends from his days on the PULSE Council presented him with a certificate anointing him the holder of the record for the longest PULSE placement. "I found a community in PULSE," Scott says. "I found my tribe."

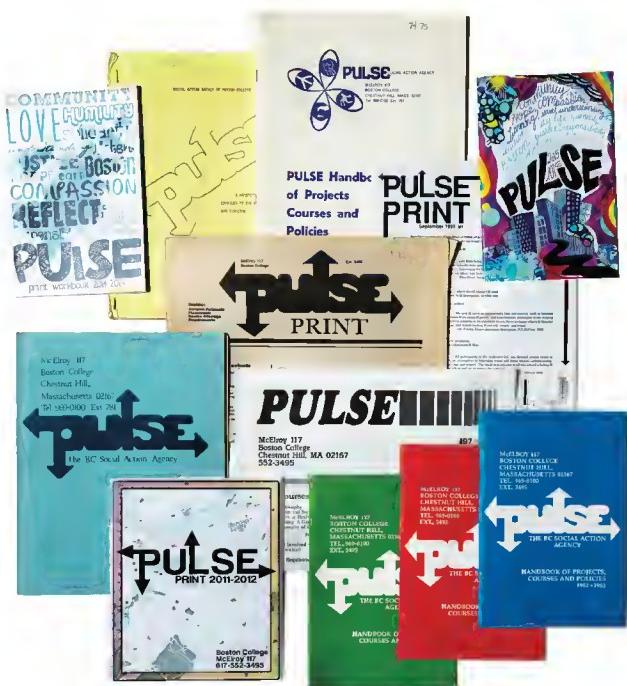
—Christine Balquist



## So What Does PULSE Stand For, Anyway?

Written in capital letters that form a familiar word, PULSE sure seems like an acronym. We checked in with Meghan Sweeney, the program's director, to learn more. "We are often asked, 'What does PULSE stand for?'" Sweeney said. For help answering that question, she turned to Rachael Hennessey-Crowell, a PULSE alum and former assistant director. "PULSE stands for many things, but the word is not an acronym," Hennessey-Crowell said. For

his part, Pat Byrne, the program's first director, said the name was chosen because it seemed reflective of the goal of an active engagement in the dynamic state of cultural and political affairs at the time of the program's founding. At one point, a project was launched to retroactively make PULSE an acronym, but when someone suggested that it stand for "People United to Literally Save Everything," the effort was summarily abandoned.





SBP cofounder Liz McCartney, photographed in September in the New Orleans warehouse where the organization stores equipment it uses to repair homes after natural disasters.

# The Rebuilder

Liz McCartney '94 has been helping to put communities back together after catastrophic storms since Hurricane Katrina. Her nonprofit repairs damaged structures, advocates for vulnerable homeowners, and consults with government officials. McCartney's urgent message: The storms and devastation are only going to get worse, and our system of preparing for them requires a complete overhaul. Are we listening?

BY JOHN WOLFSON

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hen Hurricane Katrina descended on New Orleans in 2005, Liz McCartney '94 was running a learning program for disadvantaged kids in Washington, DC. Her boyfriend, Zack Rosenburg, was a lawyer. Neither of them, in other words, had the first idea how to go about rebuilding following a natural disaster. What they did have, in the tragic aftermath of the city's flooding, was a desire to help however they could. So the couple raised \$10,000 from their parents' friends, moved to New Orleans in 2006, and set about trying.

They considered, and quickly rejected, a number of ideas, including sending kids to camp while their parents rebuilt, buying furniture for storm victims, and setting up a tool-lending library. "We were naïve," McCartney recalled. "We had no idea what we were doing." Eventually, though, they found a successful approach—rehabbing homes in St. Bernard Parish (located just outside New Orleans) that had been gutted as part of the cleanup effort after the storm. They learned how to redo wiring and plumbing, how to put up new Sheetrock, paint, and put in floors. "We'd take a gutted structure," McCartney told me, "and make it livable again."

From those humble origins was born SBP (short for St. Bernard Parish), a \$35 million, ninety-employee national nonprofit that today rebuilds after natural disasters all across the country. The organization focuses on helping low- and moderate-income families, especially those with

small children, the elderly, people with disabilities, and veterans. SBP has now repaired nearly 2,000 homes, and currently has sites in ten storm-ravaged locations, including, most recently, the Bahamas, the Florida Panhandle, and Puerto Rico, which is still reeling from Hurricane Maria in 2017. SBP staffers train AmeriCorps members, teaching them both construction and management skills, and assigning them to oversee volunteer labor provided by organizations, companies, and colleges and universities from around the nation. The nonprofit can turn around the rebuilding of a storm-damaged home in an average of sixty-one days, and at just 40 percent of the cost of market-rate contractors.

Today, McCartney is SBP's COO. She runs the organization with Rosenburg, now her husband, who is the CEO. This spring, I visited her at SBP's headquarters for a wide-ranging discussion about the nonprofit's emergence as a national leader in not just storm recovery but also preparation. Our conversation touched on the millions of homeowners who are at far greater risk of flooding than they realize, the government's dangerously out-of-date flood-zone maps, and the statistical models demonstrating that the frequency and intensity of catastrophic storms are only getting worse. "As a country, we spend so much money reacting to disaster," McCartney told me. "It's insane how much money we spend trying to clean up after the fact. If we'd spend some of that money beforehand—creating better building standards and helping people understand what their risk truly is—we would spend a lot less money doing all of that, and be better prepared for what's to come."

The conversation in the pages ahead has been lightly edited for clarity and concision.

**BCM:** Here in New Orleans, SBP continues to rebuild and sell homes that were damaged during Katrina. How does the process work?

**LM:** After Katrina, if you were a homeowner who was eligible for federal funds, it could take years to actually receive the money—an unbelievably long time. So you could wait for those funds to come in and use them to



To date, SBP has responded after fifteen catastrophic storms, repairing a total of nearly 2,000 homes.

**TOP:** AmeriCorps members deployed with SBP work to repair homes that were flooded when Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina in 2018.

**MIDDLE:** SBP workers in Puerto Rico as part of the recovery effort following Hurricane Maria.

**BOTTOM:** AmeriCorps members assist with the cleanup after the New Orleans East tornado in 2017.



the market. So we started by redeveloping property in one of the communities where we were working. It was just sitting there vacant. We redeveloped and then sold to first-time, lower-income buyers. We'd fix the roof, fix the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, hang all the drywall, do the finishes to make it a nice home. Simultaneously, NORA would provide subsidies for buyers who were under a certain income level, helping with closing costs and down payment assistance. Then we would go out and advertise the homes.

#### **Do your buyers have to meet any requirements?**

The goal is for people to live in the house for as long as possible, to help stabilize the neighborhood. Whenever we sell a property, the buyer has to go through a qualification process with the lender. We also require that they have lived in the city for a certain amount of time. There's also a lien attached to the property and they have to live in it for a certain amount of time or they forfeit their equity. We've probably redeveloped and sold eighty properties now. The buyer wins because they get a great house with a big subsidy attached to it. The neighborhood wins because property gets redeveloped and the area starts to feel more whole. NORA wins because they're achieving what they want to do, which is to put as much property back into commerce as possible. We benefit from it too because we get revenue while helping to stabilize these communities that we've been working in for a long time.



#### **SBP has now responded to fifteen natural disasters. How did that process of expanding beyond your New Orleans base begin?**

It started with the terrible tornado that hit Joplin, Missouri, in 2011. Zack went to Joplin and met some local people, and we decided that we would share what we'd learned and developed over the years. We ended up opening an SBP there in partnership with a group called Rebuild Joplin. We

repair your house, or instead you could sell your house to a special program. All the property that was sold to the program was transferred to an agency called the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, or NORA, which has programs to incentivize developers to get the properties back into

**"A lot of people are at a much greater risk of catastrophic loss than they're aware of. Part of that is because FEMA flood maps aren't accurate. They're based on prior incidents as opposed to what is going to happen in the future."**

gutted and repaired just shy of 200 houses in three or four years. Hurricane Sandy was the next storm—some people in New Jersey who had come to New Orleans to volunteer now had their community impacted. So we opened a site up there, raised money, and repaired houses. From there, we started working in more and more communities.

#### **How has the growth of SBP affected its mission?**

Following Hurricane Katrina and tornadoes that impacted New Orleans in 2017, we rebuilt 758 homes for people who weren't adequately insured. Our mission is to shrink the time between a disaster and a community's recovery. That means rebuilding, but also so much more. Today we continue to repair homes for homeowners, but much of our work is centered around ensuring that residents won't need a group like SBP to rebuild for them after disasters. We work with homeowners to mitigate their risk through preparedness education. We develop affordable housing in an energy-efficient and resilient way to better withstand severe weather and flooding. And everything we're doing in New Orleans can then be replicated in other disaster-impacted cities.

#### **I imagine that each situation you respond to is unique, but are there any similarities?**

We've seen the same thing happening over and over again: Big storm comes through. Some people have insurance and are able to rebuild and move back home, but a lot of people don't and they're just left out there until—or if—they can get federal assistance. That's led to a kind of frustration for us. We say to ourselves, *We just can't keep coming in and rebuilding afterwards. What can we do to really help solve this problem?*

#### **What solutions have you come up with?**

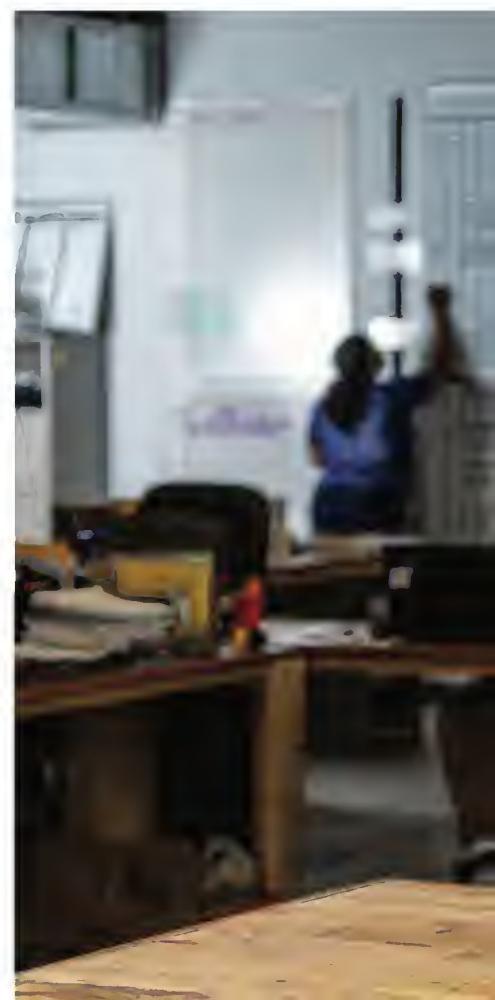
We've developed straightforward resources that outline simple actions to take before and after a storm. The topics include making your home more resilient, understanding your need for flood insurance, navigating disaster-assistance protocols, and avoiding contractor fraud. We also consult with governments and municipalities. A few years ago we worked with the governor of South Carolina to help better coordinate the delivery of federal aid after the catastrophic flooding in the Columbia area. We were proud that the first

federal dollars hit the streets within thirteen months of the disaster, as opposed to the two to five years it took elsewhere. In some ways that's a victory. In other ways it's not. Real victory is preventing people from even needing to get that federal money by being properly insured.

#### **What other work is SBP doing with government officials?**

In the Florida Panhandle, we held a mayors' convening to connect officials in the Panhandle, which was hit by Hurricane Michael last year, with ones from Texas who had just been through Hurricane Harvey. It was an opportunity to share lessons and ideas. We recently launched our Leader Practitioner Course, which is a three-day in-person training for officials charged with spending federal recovery funds. Through this course, SBP has the opportunity to affect the way billions of dollars allocated to disaster recovery get spent, specifically ensuring that socially vulnerable people

Liz McCartney photographed in SBP's new headquarters, built in 2016. The organization employs ninety people and maintains field offices at the sites of ten natural disasters as part of ongoing efforts to rebuild.



are able to access recovery dollars faster. So far we've hosted twenty-seven government leaders, who account for a total of more than \$12 billion in government funding. We're finding that sharing what we know and applying past lessons allows us to shrink the time between disaster and recovery for more people, more quickly.

**Another concern is that our flood-zone maps appear to be significantly out of date. Why is that?**

I think it's all to do with climate change. The number of catastrophic disasters—the number of just significant rain events that aren't even a named storm, like the one in South Carolina in 2015 or the one in Baton Rouge in 2016—has increased substantially. We're seeing these things happening more frequently and more severely than before. There are plenty of companies out there doing catastrophic modeling that understand this and can pinpoint almost precisely where the next incidents are going to occur. I think our federal government just hasn't been able to keep up with that information.

**Is that why so many of us are not properly insured?**

There's a whole host of reasons. A lot of people don't understand their risk. Others can't afford the insurance products available right now. Still others think, *It's not going to be that bad where I live*. Then they get completely

wiped out. The whole system is full of bad information that people are relying on when they make choices.

**So everyone should...**

Yes! Get flood insurance! You know, there are people who live in Sun Valley, Idaho, who had their houses flooded a couple of years ago. You would never expect that to happen. I think everyone has some risk exposure regardless of where they live. Insurance is not the only solution, but it's one that could help a lot.

**It must be difficult to so often be working with people who are in desperate situations. What kind of an emotional toll does that take on you?**

There have been many times I've thought, *I don't think I can keep doing this. It's just too hard. It's too sad. It's too much. I can't....* And then we would—my husband and I always talk about, together we have to be 100 percent. It's okay to be 30 percent one day as long as the other person's 70 percent.

**Would the Liz McCartney who showed up in New Orleans to help in 2006 be surprised by how things have turned out?**

I never thought we would end up here, but I think, perhaps, that's part of what I got in my BC education, and the friends that I made at BC. Life's this journey, you know, and we have to be willing to kind of be open to what is presented to us.

**Of course, SBP has been on the journey right along with you. The organization has come a long way from where it started. What comes next?**

We had no idea when we came to New Orleans to volunteer after Katrina that the whole disaster-recovery system is so deeply flawed. Knowing what we do now, what we really want to do is become a system-change organization that can move the needle on these issues that are really the root cause of what we're reacting to and responding to. Someday we'd love to have no "rebuilding" side of our organization, where all we're doing is advocating for building a better system, figuring out how to reduce risk, how to make our communities more resilient. But in the meantime, we can't just walk away from communities where people become instantaneously homeless and completely traumatized and don't have anywhere to turn. ■



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# POWER PLAY

AN ORAL HISTORY

In 1973, three years after the University went co-ed, a group of nursing and education students formed a hockey team of their own. Now all they had to do was learn to skate, pass, and shoot. Here, in their own words, is the unbelievable, occasionally infuriating, and often hilarious story of the pioneers who shattered the ice ceiling and founded the Boston College women's hockey team.

By JACQUELINE TEMPERA



## VER THE PAST DOZEN YEARS

or so, the Boston College women's hockey team has become a juggernaut, making seven Frozen Four appearances and winning three Hockey East championships. There have also been eight Beanpot titles in the program's history. It has become difficult, in other words, to imagine BC without a women's hockey team. When Reenie Baker arrived on campus in the fall of 1973, however, it wasn't difficult at all—there wasn't one. Not that this fact came as a surprise to Baker. It was the reason she'd chosen BC in the first place.

Baker was raised to love hockey. She grew up on a farm in upstate New York, where her father, a professor at Cornell and an obsessive fan of that university's men's hockey team, encouraged his five children to get out and play once the pond froze each winter. When Baker's older sister, Reggie, enrolled at Cornell, she started a women's hockey team. Baker was a high school junior at the time, but she already knew that someday she would do the same. "I had planned to go to college somewhere in the Midwest," Baker recalled, "but then my sister and I went to the men's ECAC tournament in Boston, where BC played against Cornell. I remember BC beat Cornell and I looked at Reggie and said, 'I'm going to go to Boston College. And I'm going to start a women's ice hockey team there.'"

Baker managed to do exactly that, though the process would prove far more daunting, and frustrating, than she'd ever imagined. What follows is the story of how Baker and a courageous group of future nurses and teachers—along with the help of a certain BC hockey legend—came together to overcome administrative intransigence and found what would eventually become one of the marquee programs of collegiate women's hockey.

[Editors' note: We owe a debt of gratitude to Karen Given, executive producer of NPR's *Only a Game*, whose radio story first brought Reenie Baker to our attention.]

**REENIE BAKER '78, team founder:** I started as soon as I got there. Like, the second day, I went right down to the ice rink and said, "I want to start a women's ice hockey team. How do I go about doing it?" They referred me to Snooks Kelley. I don't know why he was there, to tell you the truth. I'm not sure what he was doing.

**REID OSLIN '68, former BC director of sports information:** John "Snooks" Kelley was a BC hockey legend. He'd won

a national championship, won all kinds of trophies and awards. The rink in Conte Forum is named in his honor. Anyway, he retired after the '72 season, when BC was in very poor financial condition—I think that's one reason they started opening the doors to women students in 1970. When Snooks retired, Athletic Director Bill Flynn—he loved Snooks, he'd played for him on the men's team—made a job for him, special assistant to the athletic director. He had a little office down in the McHugh Forum, which was the old rink. He used to just sit there and hold court.

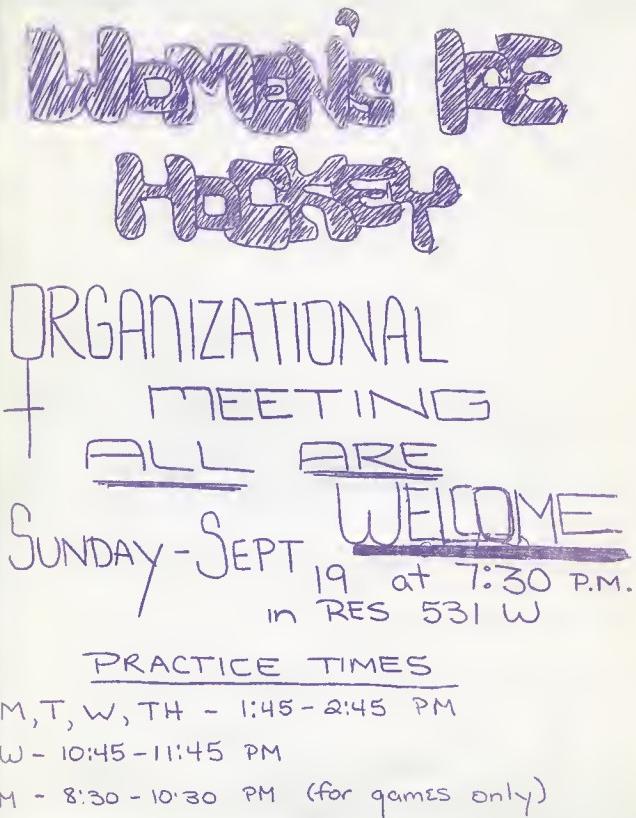
**REENIE BAKER:** I told Snooks my idea for a women's team and he was so supportive: "This is a great idea! Let's do it." So I thought it wasn't going to be a problem. But when I went to the people in the athletics department, I became very discouraged. They said, "This is going to be hard. It's going to be hard to get you ice time." I went back to Snooks, and he would just pick me up and say, "Nope, come on. This is what you've got to do next." When they told us they couldn't supply us with equipment, he said, "Tell him I have a few things here that I can let you guys use. If they say you can't have ice time, tell them I can figure that out."

**REID OSLIN:** Snooks became hockey coach in 1933. It was during the Depression and BC was on the verge of going out of business, so they cut way back on their athletic program, including hockey. University President Louis J. Gallagher, SJ, said there could be a team, but there'd be no financial support and no equipment from the University. So they wound up wearing the football team's old jerseys. So Snooks knew what it was like to have to work to get a team.

**REENIE BAKER:** Title IX had just been approved in 1972, so the doors were opening to women. In my high school, the only women's sports were field hockey, and maybe basketball. I was thrilled that schools could not discriminate against us anymore, that they had to do something for us when we wanted a team. I pulled the Title IX card many times with the athletic department—"You can't tell me no!" I think that was irritating to them. I kept trying to get them to give us varsity status. They were saying it was too expensive and we had to start as a club team. I finally accepted that just to get to play, but I never stopped pushing for varsity status. Anyway, my dorm friends got excited about the club team and said, "We're going to help you any way we can." We called them our managers.

**PATTI DOLCETTI CLEMENTS '77, team manager:** Freshman year, I lived across the hall from Reenie in Claver. When she decided to start the team, I guess she thought I could handle the management aspect of it.

**REENIE BAKER:** I was in the education school, so I had access to a Xerox machine. I made all these posters—Are



you interested in women's ice hockey? Come to a meeting at the rink. I wrote it out and then Xeroxed it, and we took tape and hung them all over campus.

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB '77, team member:** I was in the nursing school and half of our school were commuters. We saw the flyer in the commuter lounge. So we went down and met up with Reenie. I think six members of the team were nursing students.

**REENIE BAKER:** I didn't know if two people were gonna show up, but we got maybe twenty who came to that first meeting. In those days, women either became teachers or nurses, so the whole team was either teachers or nurses. The rules were that club teams had to be open to staff, so we invited staff to play. We needed them, though. We didn't really have enough to be a team at first, and the ones we did have, most of them were figure skaters and they wanted to do anything they could just to keep skating. They had no hockey skills.

*With the roster set, the new women's hockey club held its first practice.*

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB:** We got on the ice and we...it was just chaos! There were figure skaters—literally, there were women that were just practicing their jumps.

Immediately after arriving at BC in 1973, freshman Reenie Baker started organizing a women's hockey team. She and her friends made hand-drawn flyers like this one and hung them all around campus.

**CAROL McCARTHY '77, team member:** I had no idea what I was doing. There were no skills.

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB:** I was having such a hard time even staying on my feet. You gave me the puck and I'd manage to get down the ice. I was a field hockey player so I had a good shot. Then I'd fall down. That's how I would stop.

**REENIE BAKER:** We had the figure skaters with no stick skills, and then there were the field hockey players with the stick skills but no skating skills. Most of them were in figure skates. We let them wear them because that's all they had.

**CAROL McCARTHY:** The big difference is a figure skate has pricks in the toe of the blade so you can stop. You can push yourself off with that on the ice. You do that with hockey skates, there's nothing there. You fall down, because there's nothing to push off. It's a whole different kind of skating.

**ERIC PFAFF '74, team coach:** There was a lot of gliding and doing ring turns, as opposed to starting and stopping as you do on hockey skates. Running into each other was kind of inevitable because of the inability to stop once they got going, especially in the figure skates. It was sort of a roller derby type of experience.

**REENIE BAKER:** We were terrible. At our first game, the opposing team won the opening face-off and the puck slid all the way down to the goalie, and it just went right in the goal.

**PATTI DOLCETTI CLEMENTS:** I remember somebody at the BU game handing me some sort of diagram. As manager, I was supposed to keep stats of the game while it was going on. I had no idea how to do that. I mean, not a clue how to do that.

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB:** But Reenie just stayed calm and gracious. She was the anchor. She knew how to skate and she knew how to play hockey, but she was so humble. She was extremely encouraging. She knew I skated horrendously, but she would tell me, "You have an amazing slap shot." She saw the potential in everybody, that we could become a team.

*When the first season concluded, it was reasonable to wonder whether there would be a future for the team. But the following year brought a surprise.*

**REENIE BAKER:** My first year, we didn't have enough players for a team. But when we went into the next year, we

had plenty of women interested, and the staff members stopped playing.

**ERIC PFAFF:** These were Massachusetts people, a lot of them, and this was in the height of the Bobby Orr hysteria. Everybody was a Bruins fan and a hockey fan.

**KATHRYN O'LEARY '79, team member, and later coach:** I grew up in Hopkinton, Mass., and I was a product of the Bobby Orr era.

**CAROL MCCARTHY:** I was number four—that was my number—and I played defense. I was Bobby Orr!

**REENIE BAKER:** We had more women the second year, but the athletic department still wouldn't give us varsity status, and they wouldn't give us equipment.

**SANDY CHEVRETTE '77, team member:** Snooks Kelley got us some old shirts from the boys, the smelly old shirts, and that was pretty much it.

**GAIL RISTI YOUNG '79, team member:** One of the shirts, the Eagle was sewn on inside out. Our team got *those* shirts.

**SANDY CHEVRETTE:** We had to buy everything else, or get stuff from friends. Because they gave us nothing. And it did create a little bit of anger. I have our team picture, with all the ragamuffin—some of the shirts don't match. We just kind of looked like we were playing street hockey on ice.

**KATHRYN O'LEARY:** A lot of girls didn't even have hockey pants. They played in sweats with their shin pads underneath and did their best to tape the outside of the sweats so they would at least work with the shin guards.

**SANDY CHEVRETTE:** We also had trouble getting games, so we sometimes played junior highs and high schools—boys teams. We went against the Fessenden School from Newton one time, and they were younger kids. When they came out, they looked up at us, and we were like, "Don't worry, we won't land on you." We were twice the size of some of them. But they ended up beating the hell out of us. It was humiliating.

**REENIE BAKER:** Fortunately, that second year Ellen Walsh joined our team.

**ELLEN WALSH '76, team member:** I grew up in Newport, Rhode Island, and I had sixty first cousins and nine siblings. We all played hockey. My dad would freeze our back driveway when it was cold. All the neighborhood kids would come and we would play on the driveway. He made it into an ice rink.

**REENIE BAKER:** Ellen, she just brought up our game, sort of inspired the women to learn more, learn quicker, and do things faster. And we also got Doxie that year.

**DOXIE MCCOY '77, team member:** I was on BC's varsity



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Wearing sweat pants and figure skates, Charlene Rose Gottlieb scores a goal, and immediately falls to the ice. A converted field hockey player, Gottlieb had a terrific slap shot but no skating skills. Falling, she said, "is how I would stop."

Star players, from left, Nancy Arrix, Ellen Walsh, and Reenie Baker. In the back, from left, are coaches John Spang, Marty Carney, Joe Fei, and John Clark.

field hockey team, and Snooks Kelley came up to me at practice one day and recruited me for the hockey team. I told him, "I don't know how to skate." He said they'd teach me. They ended up providing me with my own coach. It seemed kind of crazy, in the sense that yeah, I was a black girl out there—I don't know for sure whether I was the only African American on field hockey, but I know I was the only black girl out there for ice hockey. But Snooks asked me to play. I don't want to pump myself up, but maybe it was because I did pretty well as a field hockey goalie, and they were thinking that it would translate into ice hockey.

**CAROL McCARTHY:** Doxie was so good. I played defense and I loved being out there with her. But I felt really bad for her that time we played Colby. Warming up, I was like, oh my goodness, the size of those girls! What are we going to do? They can really skate. I felt bad for poor Doxie!

**RHETT CAHILL '79, team member:** I remember we played at Colby in Maine and I think we lost 12 to zero.

**REENIE BAKER:** There was a team up in Maine—Colby—and they were seasoned players and they killed us. It was like, 30 to nothing or something.

**DOXIE MCCOY:** I don't remember the exact score, but I recall that they were hounding me, and it ended up being something like 30 to 2. But I felt halfway decent about it. It could have been 45 or 50. A lot of them went in, but a lot of them were stopped.

**ELLEN WALSH:** Colby, they were vicious. They were brutal. They had two people on me, so I couldn't score the whole time. They just kept hitting me, doing things to me.

**RHETT CAHILL:** My sister came to that game, and she still tells that story to this day of what we looked like versus these enormous women coming out in full 100 percent varsity uniforms.

**REENIE BAKER:** Someone took a slap shot and hit me right above my eye. I was sent to the hospital for stitches, and



it was like, "We're playing against good teams, we have to have some protection here." We needed better equipment.

*The Colby game notwithstanding, the team's level of play progressed throughout that second season. Especially helpful was the arrival of a new coach, a senior named Shawn Sheehy.*

**SHAWN SHEEHY '75, team coach:** Bob Thomas, who was an assistant coach to Eric Pfaff the year before, asked for my help the second season. Bob was a great guy, but he was a figure skater and not a hockey player. I didn't make the team at Boston College, but I was playing in a semipro league and I was playing intramurals. The first thing I did was say to everybody, "Look, you need to have hockey skates. You can't use figure skates if you're going to play here."

**SANDY CHEVRETTE:** Shawn ran the practices more diligently in the sense that we weren't just messing around. You had to pay attention. And that's when everybody pretty much got hockey skates.

**CAROL McCARTHY:** He was a great coach. He spent a lot of time with us, made us do drills. We meshed into this group of women that could play for a regulation hockey team. It was like, "Okay, we are the BC women's ice hockey team!" There was a lot of pride in the ability to say that.



**SHAWN SHEEHY:** We taught them how to defend themselves on the ice. If somebody was doing something nasty to them, we taught them how to do something nasty in return. If someone was going to check you, we might show you how to pin your stick against the board so that they would take

it in the stomach if they were coming in too fast. And if the other team tries to intimidate you, you chop them across the laces. You could get penalized for it, but hockey is a game of intimidation. All of a sudden, they realize you're not intimidated and then they stop, and they start playing hockey.

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB:** I had my own cheat moves! I had one that helped our team quite a bit when the play got a little too hot for our goalie. I would fall as if I was tripping and hit our goal post with my hip to knock it out of place. So they would have to blow the whistle and stop play. I did that quite often, and I never got caught because I was the person who was falling all over the ice anyway.

**KATHRYN O'LEARY:** Just between you and me, my defense partner, Lynn Wilson, she didn't even attend Boston College. They used to have public skating at McHugh Forum, and she was there one day and had her hockey

The women's hockey team had some humiliating defeats early in its second year, including demoralizing losses to Colby and a middle-school boys team from Newton. But the Eagles never gave up and finished the season on a winning streak.



skates on. I think it was one of our coaches who saw her and said, "You should join the women's team!"

**SHAWN SHEEHY:** All of the girls began playing more as a team. And that combined with Doxie McCoy's goaltending talent and her ability to learn how to skate. And Ellen Walsh was our best offensive player.

**ELLEN WALSH:** I was a very fast skater and I was good at using the boards and also face-offs. I would fly up the right wing and bounce it off the boards and get around people. Then my senior year my cousin, Anne Corcoran, was on the team. I would go up the wing and spin it to her and she would score. Anne and I were like the dynamic duo. It was just incredible. She passed away. She never smoked in her life but she got a weird form of lung cancer. Really sad.

**SHAWN SHEEHY:** We'd send Ellen back out on the ice, and

she'd say, "But I'm hurt." I said, "I don't care if you're hurt. Go get back out there. We need you."

**ELLEN WALSH:** They would just tape me up. They would sneak me back into some locker room and the trainer for the men's team would tape me up. They would tape me up before we would drive to games. I'd feel like a big heap of tape. The coach would say, "We need you. Go out and skate."

**SHAWN SHEEHY:** We lost the first twelve games of the year. We won the last six games of the year. I've been telling people that for forty years. All the players made tremendous strides in learning how to skate, learning how to stick-handle, learning the game. By the end of the season, all of the girls were playing more as a team.

**REENIE BAKER:** The team spirit was amazing. When we lost, it wasn't disheartening, and I enjoyed watching my teammates get so much better. To win against some of these teams who thought we were easy to beat, it was such a great feeling.

*Reenie Baker kept up her fight to get varsity status. The team eventually received funding for official uniforms and full equipment, but Baker was gone by then. That second season would be her final one with the team. She studied abroad during her junior year and missed the season her senior year after breaking her ankle while parachuting. The Baker Cup, the trophy that used to be awarded each year to the team's most valuable player, was named in her honor. Women's hockey would not become a varsity sport at Boston College until 1994, nineteen years after Baker started the team.*

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB:** I had no idea how much energy Reenie was putting in behind the scenes to try to get this team together. I didn't realize it took nineteen more years for them to become varsity. I mean, that blew my socks off when I found out later.

**CAROL MCCARTHY:** I think Reenie was the one that was really frustrated. I think we could have been supported a lot more by the University.

**REENIE BAKER:** After graduating, every few years I would contact the school and ask if the women had varsity status. *No, they're still a club team.* It made me feel like I never really did anything. I never accomplished anything. This is just... it was just a worthless time on my part. So I stopped trying to get in contact. I mean, everything about it just really discouraged me. Then my brother, who lives in Boston, told me the BC women were pretty good and so I did inquire and found out that they had gotten varsity status. I was overjoyed. About three years ago, I found out they were

playing in Syracuse, which is just an hour from where I live. So I went to see him and I've got to tell you, I was overjoyed to see these women who are awesome players come out in these full suits that looked like real hockey players. I mean, I was just beaming with pride to watch the whole game.

**KATIE CROWLEY,** head coach of the Boston College women's hockey team: We didn't have a lot of information on the origins of the team because there weren't many records kept. But my team and I have now met with Reenie. Our current players really appreciate being able to know the roots of their program. There's a lot of pride in what we came from. We're grateful for what Reenie and all of these pioneering women hockey players did for all of us.

**GAIL RISTI YOUNG:** We have five children and they all played hockey. The middle one, Jackie Young, played at BC for Katie Crowley and Courtney Kennedy. She graduated in 2014, and she takes it for granted. But, of course, I was in the background, always telling her that it's come a long way because we didn't have all of this.

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB:** Gosh, it's a whole different world. We were like the Wright Brothers flying a plane and they're the stealth bombers today. It's a completely different language. They have players going in every Olympics.

**GAIL RISTI YOUNG:** I don't think at the time I knew that it was blazing the trail for others. You don't think of it that way. You just are happy to be a part of it.

**ELLEN WALSH:** It was just a whole new wave back then of feminism in all areas. I can't really say we were a marching, prideful team of feminists—but it was really powerful to play in that arena. I remember being very honored to skate out with a group of women.

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB:** I got a good education at BC, and I had a very successful career as a nurse. But if I think of the most positive thing from my time at BC, it would be the team and the camaraderie and the fun that we had. I am so grateful to Reenie for starting that team!

**REENIE BAKER:** I did love hockey, but I'm going to tell you that these days I would not be considered a good athlete. I think it was the battle that inspired me to start the team more than the sport.

**CHARLENE ROSE GOTTLIEB:** I think in my heart—I think Reenie felt she failed, which we never knew because she never shared that. I just feel like she needs to know. I think all of us feel the same toward her, very thankful and appreciative. I have a great deal of respect for her, especially looking back now and seeing how hard it was. Reenie just did it. ■

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# NEWS & NOTES

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## 1950

70TH REUNION  
May 29–31, 2020

Bob Parker encourages classmates to follow his literary blog, *A Literary Cavalcade*, at [aliterarycavalcade.net](http://aliterarycavalcade.net). It offers in-depth reviews of fiction he is reading. His interpretation often covers a spiritual or moral perspective. Recent novels he's reviewed include: *The Force*, by Don Winslow; *The Miracle*, by the late John L'Heureux, MA'60, MA'63; *Munich*, by Robert Harris; *Slade House*, by David Mitchell; *Testimony*, by Scott Turow; *Some Rise by Sin*, by Philip Caputo; *Finders Keepers*, by Stephen King; *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead; and *Gone Girl*, by Gillian Flynn. These will be part of the eighth volume of his book series, *A Literary Cavalcade*.

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## NC 1950–1953

70TH REUNION (1950)  
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## 1951

Clifton Rockwell reports that he is doing OK for 92 years old. He usually spends summers in New Hampshire and winters at home in Nebraska or California. He wonders how many of "us Class of '51" there are now. • John W. Foley completed his studies in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences in December 1950, having started in February 1947 with a wave of returning World War II veterans. He is from Lynn and retired from GE, where he first worked in 1943 at the age of 16. Postgraduation, he traveled the country, and much of the world, as a "GE guy." He now lives in Fountain Hills, AZ, where he originally came to ride his motorcycle (which now, like him, is retired). He came to BC for his 50th reunion, but when he returned for the 65th, he found no table for the Class of '51. He writes: "I'm ready for the 70th; keep me posted. Get a table."

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## 1954

Charles Coronella is a graduate of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and had a "successful and fulfilling career" at JPMorgan Chase for 30-plus years. He is an active member of the Franciscan Renewal Center and a 20-year member of the board of the Phoenix Art Museum, and he has been on the boards of numerous not-for-profit organizations. His combined personal and global business travel spans nearly one million miles.

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## NC 1954

Helen Badenhausen Danforth emailed from Massachusetts that she is enjoying life at her home by the river in Ipswich. She tried moving to a retirement home but "couldn't go through with it," and her family wants her to stay in Ipswich. Her son lives nearby, and other family members love to visit. Helen is still involved in music at her church and playing four hands piano with a talented pianist. They recently performed at a local arts festival—fun and fulfilling, she says. She tries to stay healthy and moving, and her poodle/cocker keeps her walking. • Mary Evans Bapst emailed that she has celebrated anniversaries, both happy and sad, with family members, which encouraged lots of reflections on family history. When looking back, they decided that they had much to be grateful for. • Recently, I had a nice phone chat with Lucille Joy Becker. • Please send news for our column.

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## 1955

65TH REUNION  
May 29–31, 2020

Wow! Some of you may already be supporters of the San Francisco Giants, but if not, I have a player for you to follow. Mary Jane Kelly Dempsey called with the wonderful news that her grandson, Nolan Dempsey, was drafted by them in May and is currently playing second base in Fresno Station. This is the position he played while at Arizona. Nolan's dad is Mary Jane's son, David. Many of our classmates will remember that Mary Jane's husband, Con, played professional baseball and had his own baseball card. • Please note: Notices about the death of a classmate are published at the end of the class notes section. Please continue to notify me so that I can forward their names to the alumni office. Thanks! Correspondent: Marie Kelleher  
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## NC 1955

### 65TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

I hear from Sr. Yasuko Ohashi, who is at the RSCJ convent in Tokyo. In April, she wrote about her special visit with Gail O'Donnell, RSCJ, NC'56, MDiv'80, who traveled to Japan in March for a week for a first-vow ceremony of two Japanese novices whom she had directed for their 30-day retreat in Boston. Yasuko wrote that Gail stayed in the RSCJ community with her. They both had fun reliving their Newton days. It was like being in a Newton College dorm again. Gail is so much the same, Yasuko writes.

• Yasuko also sees Kuniko Shiobara Hara sometimes. Kuniko has two daughters who live near her in Tokyo. • Yasuko is involved in counseling courses for their RCSJ graduates who work in many needy places in Tokyo. She would like to hear from her Newton classmates. She says she has many happy memories.

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## 1956

James Melloni retired as a DoD program technical contractor after 22 years. He still resides in Somerville. He had hoped to attend some of the football events this fall, but he tripped on the stairs and tore his oblique tendons. He is now comfortably recovering, but the social events are off for this year. • John Moore, MA'59, is enjoying retirement in State College, PA, and still happily recalls Professor Duhamel's Shakespeare course in 1954–1955. • Tom Sheehan writes: "Since the prior class note, I have had 40 or more website acceptances of fiction, poetry, or nonfiction items, which includes Literally Stories in the UK. That website will celebrate my 100th story published by them with a big splash at the end of the year, with publication dates already decided. Also, 96 submissions have gone to The Linnet's Wings in Ireland; 21 pieces are on Faith, Hope and Fiction; and 256 are currently on Rope and Wire in the Tom Sheehan library."

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## NC 1956

We heard from Margaret Blinstrub Pigott: "Ed and I are in Northern Michigan at our log cabin in the woods. We are literally surrounded by the Nature Conservancy; my dad and several other landowners up here donated their land to the Nature Conservancy, creating, on the Straits of Mackinac, a two-mile by two-mile block of conifers, wildflowers—including some very rare orchids, wild roses, wild tiger lilies—and an astounding number of other flora, along with deer, black bear, and all the other wood-loving animals. My children are scattered throughout the U.S.—Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia, Indiana, and California—but they all manage to spend time up here

with us in the summer." • Hunsie Dempsey Loomis and I met halfway between our homes in Greenwich for lunch. We both have a second great-grandchild. Hers, Shea, will be a year old in September and has red hair! Mine, Luke, second son of BC grads Casey '09 and Jason Holdych '09, will probably follow brother Danny as future BC students. Hunsie usually meets up each year with Shirley Starrs McKenna in Dublin when she and her husband, Tony, go over for the horse show. • Despite the fact that we are all either 85 or about to be, being class rep has enabled me to reconnect with a very vibrant group of women. For example, consider the stamina of Gail O'Donnell, RSCJ, MDiv'80. Gail gave a 30-day retreat this past July at the Jesuit retreat house in Gloucester and then officiated in August at the wedding of her nephew, Christopher Mudge, whose birth she attended 33 years before! • You go, girls! Correspondent: Cathy Brennan Hickey  
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## 1957

As your new class correspondent, I would like to thank Norma DeFeo Cacciamani for her service as our correspondent, and we all wish her the best. I welcome any news from our class and encourage you to send me any information you have on events, family, or whatever. • This past December, Bill Cunningham hosted a luncheon at Woodland Golf Club in Newton, at which BC President William Leahy, S.J., was invited into the Great Class of 1957 as an honorary member. Attending were Bill Cunningham, our host; John Harrington, MBA'66, H'10; Charles Fox; Paul Daly; Fr. Gene Sullivan DEd'81; Paul McAdams; Jim Devlin; and Frank Higgins. • Unfortunately, my new duties include informing you of sad news involving class members and their families. I regret to report that Colleen Brickley, the daughter-in-law of Betsy and Ed Brickley, passed away after a long illness. We also lost Dawnald Henderson and Leo Morrissey this past year. May they rest in peace. • Nice to hear from Steve Dowling '85, son of our late classmate Dick Dowling. Steve informed me that his father was also a resident of Linden Ponds here in Hingham and attended U.S. Navy OCS in Newport, RI, along with several of our classmates. • I received a note from Ruth Kleber informing us that her husband, retired Army colonel Robert Kleber, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in January with full military honors. • Sad to report the passing of our classmate Charles Fox, who was such a great contributor to our class experience. • Also, our condolences to Paul Daly, who recently lost his son, Paul, to cancer after a five-year battle. • Ending on a good note, it's nice to report that our John Harrington of the Yawkey Foundation recently was inducted into the Irish American Baseball Hall of Fame in Manhattan.

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## NC 1957

Margy Craig Sheehy writes from her new retirement village, The Redwoods, in Mill Valley, CA. She has rented out her house in Ross, sold her car, is adjusting to the new life, and wonders if there are any classmates "way out here in CA"? • Ellie Pope Clem and husband, Dave, are enjoying their new home in Charlottesville with other senior citizens. She recently had an aortic heart valve replacement, which went well, at the UVA hospital where she and Dave are getting good medical care. They enjoyed a month's visit from their English grandson, who comes annually with his dad. Another son, Joe, retired recently from the Navy and continues his medical work as a civilian in Norfolk, VA. • I received a lovely book from Joan Hanlon Curley: *Inspirational Thoughts and Prayers*, written by her husband, Neil, with illustrations by their niece. The book is very moving, with prayers and thoughts written for special occasions, well worth the read. For more information, contact Joan in Naples, FL, at zwalkabout@comcast.net. Thank you, Joan, for being such a loyal contributor to our column. • Diane Russell McDonough tells of her trip to Norfolk, VA, for the christening of a great-grandchild in the naval tradition (father and grandfather are naval officers). The baptism was on the USS *Eisenhower*, with the ship's bell turned upside down and used as a baptismal font and baby's name inscribed inside the bell. Diane also traveled to Texas for a granddaughter's graduation from Baylor University. As Diane remarked, her social life is driven by her grandchildren's activities—like many of us. • I (Connie Weldon LeMaire) had an eerie experience when I was attending Mass in Kennebunk, ME, this summer. The Mass was said in memory of Barbara King Hennessy, who had died in August 2017 after a short battle with cancer. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill, and one son and is survived by a daughter and son. The citation said she was very dedicated to her church in Kennebunk. I knew she had lived in that area, but I had not been aware of her passing two years ago.

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## 1958

Well, this is the end of summer, and I hope we all enjoyed it. • In honor of his dedication to Belmont basketball, Paul Lyons, the former head coach and creator of the Belmont Youth Basketball Association and the Marauders Basketball Association, saw his name added to the Wenner Field House at Belmont High School. Former players, neighbors, friends, and current students applauded him during a ceremony last February. The *Belmont Wicked Local* reported the story, noting that Paul thanked the many people who worked with him to build up the program in Belmont and quoted Paul as saying: "Success is not a destination, it is the journey you take along the way; it is more important what you did than what the outcome was." Paul's wife, Moira Feeley Lyons, was also honored during

the Coach Lyons Court naming ceremony. Kudos to Paul and his family. • Mary and Francis Lydon enjoyed reading the news and were glad to see that Mary Ann and Bob Moll and Kathy and John Rooney were still out and about. Fran wishes them a big hello! The Lydons have lived on Maui for the past 19 years. This year, they opted for a 20-day cruise to New Zealand, passing through the Aleutian Islands. To celebrate their 60th anniversary, they hope to cruise from Montreal to the Caribbean and down to Rio. Fran wishes the Class of '58 a warm aloha! • Marian Bernardini DeLollis lost her winter accommodations in California when her son, Stephen, and his family relocated to Taiwan. She is now wintering in Naples, FL, where Virginia DeGenova and Joyce Ryder Rizzuto visit her. They joined 31 others at the BC class luncheon on St. Patrick's Day, organized once again by Bea Capraro Busa. • Evie and John Theall and Marion caught up with fellow CHLS grads in Naples for lunch. Paul and Moira Feeley Lyons missed the BC and CHLS festivities because they were having fun in St. Maarten. John and Evie are proud of their granddaughter, Cameron Elders '21, a junior at BC and third-generation Eagle. • Mary and Joe Giere missed the 60th because their granddaughter was graduating but made it to the Florida brunch. It was great to see them. • Thanks to Bea Capraro Busa and Tony '59 for arranging the brunch—it was a huge success. Stay tuned for more on the brunch next issue. • Please remember each other in your prayers as many are suffering in silence. Any comments or news, let me know!

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## NC 1958

Good news from MJ Eagan English, MED'59. Her summer was busy in Nahant with beaching, shopping, golfing, eating, relaxing, and enjoying the many activities her garden club and senior center scheduled. She stays busy with her two dogs, Katie and Zoey, her pals and sidekicks. • Jo Kirk Cleary had a very good summer with the exception of extremely hot days and nights, very high tides, and tornado threats on the Cape. She will enjoy her last full family weekend at the end of August. She sends love to all NC'58. • The last of Julie Saver Reusch's family was married in August. The gathering included 7 siblings, 15 nieces and nephews, several cousins, and Julie's brothers. Ed from Dallas came the farthest. • Judith Young Runnette met friends in Old Lyme, CT, in August and will travel to Tyringham, in the Berkshires, to visit Eileen Mahoney, the late Moira Mahoney Kelly's younger sister. Judith enjoys bridge lessons and the opera at Fairfield University, the Westport Country Playhouse, and the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts. • Sue Fay Ryan is working on a new project writing a children's bilingual book in English and Spanish. Her first book, an educational guide, *Never Trust a Teacher: Fight to Make Things Right!*, received positive criticism from national reviewers. Details are on her

website, [nevertrustateacher.com](http://nevertrustateacher.com). Sue's first grandchild, who studied in Croatia for eight weeks this summer, is a junior at Harvard. Her next two grandchildren, identical twin girls, entered Brown with the Class of 2023. Both are members of the women's volleyball team. All cousins came from Florida public schools and are the children of BC graduates. • I had the pleasure of speaking to Kate Glutting Arcand, Mary Azzara Archdeacon, and Mary Keating McKell. We commiserated about the pangs of aging but agreed we are blessed and send best wishes to our Newton classmates. • In May, Dave and I attended the graduation of our granddaughter Carolyn from the University of Maryland Law School and then flew to Chicago for the graduation of our granddaughter Meredith from DePaul University. In August, 21 of us gathered for our family vacation at Lake Winnipesaukee, NH. Only two were missing—Lt. Timothy Schorr, who is serving in Afghanistan, and Meredith Schorr, who had just taken a job with the Chicago Zoo.

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## 1959

Well, our 60th reunion has come and gone. June 1 featured a campus bus tour and late afternoon Mass followed by the class dinner in the Shea Room with about 85 classmates and companions present. The campus was at its prettiest, with late spring landscaping at its peak and beautiful buildings. If you find yourself in the vicinity, it's worth a visit. It's impossible to describe the changes since 1959, but you'll recognize enough to feel the connection. • The ever-active and faithful Beth Grady, MS'64, and Betsy Power Keohane rounded up several other nurses at Reunion, including Nancy Hunt Cowperthwait (living in Mesa, AZ, she probably won the prize, if we had one, for farthest), Mary Mullins Huelsenbeck, Eleanor Sullivan McLaughlin, Catherine McGuinness McNiff, Janet Knight Mack, Claire Haynes Purdy, and Mary Jane Gibbons Walton. • Ed Reynolds, father of nine, a semiretired attorney, and former Massachusetts district court judge, was also present at Reunion, still playing competitive ice hockey in a senior league that has participated in tournaments in Canada and Switzerland. Lots of trophies and championships. Even has his own hockey card, and I've got an autographed one! • Peter Murphy, our retired U.S. State Department ambassador, reports from Monaco that all is well, and he would welcome visitors. He is still active in business and recently spent a week at Huawei Company headquarters in Shenzhen, China, which he describes as "fantastic." • Catherine O'Donnell Richardson reports that her brother, John, also a '59er, is well and that she also heard from John E. Joyce, who lives in Florida and couldn't attend, but promises to be at the 65th. • Beth Grady reports that her daughter, Elissa Spelman '00, was recently recognized by the Boston Chamber of Commerce as

one of "Ten Outstanding Young Leaders."

She is executive director of Breakthrough Greater Boston, an educational nonprofit.

• I heard from Annmarie Flanigan Silvasy '90 that her father, our classmate and class music man, Dick Flanigan, passed away in April, living in Jamestown, RI. • Peter Derba died in May, living in North Andover. Our condolences to the families of both. • Resolve to get in touch with someone from the class. It will make both of you feel good. Call me for contact info, 617-921-7261.

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## NC 1959

Impossible as it seems, 60 years have passed since our Newton College graduation. On a lovely June weekend, a small number of spirited class members gathered in Barat House on our Newton campus to reminisce and celebrate the friendships forged so long ago. Among those who came together were Pat Sweeney Sheehy, Patty O'Neill, Janet Chute, Joan Coniglio O'Donnell, Janet Phillips Connelly, Gini Little Waterman-Casey, Stephanie Landry Barineau, Honey Good McLaughlin, Joanne O'Connor Hynek, Nancy Maslen Burkholder, and Maryjane Mulvanity Casey. Joanne Hynek's husband, Dan, was a very congenial addition to our celebration. The delicious dinner, music, and special ambiance all contributed to a memorable evening. On Sunday, a memorial Mass liturgy in our Newton Chapel, followed by a delicious jazz brunch, completed the reunion festivities. • Our long-distance traveler, Stephanie Landry Barineau, who came from Houston, wrote to report what a wonderful time she had at our reunion; she enjoyed "the delicious food" and especially catching up with her "smart and lovely" classmates. Stephanie returned home to celebrate her 60th wedding anniversary twice. The other long-distance traveler was Joan Coniglio O'Donnell from New Jersey. • It is with sadness that we report the passing of Pat Sweeney Sheehy's husband, Bob, after a lengthy illness. Bob was an enthusiastic participant in our reunions and other class events, and we shall miss him. • Our vacationing classmates on Cape Cod prompted a seaside gathering of several '59ers at the Hyannis Yacht Club in August. Great camaraderie was apparent among the group, which included Joan Coniglio O'Donnell, Gini Little Waterman-Casey, Janet Chute, Patty O'Neill, Pat Sweeney Sheehy, and Maryjane Mulvanity Casey. We're all looking forward to more frequent get-togethers as we celebrate our ninth decade. • Reporting in from afar were Helen Craig Lynch, who missed the reunion to attend a graduation in Houston and who was enjoying her summer in Rehoboth, and Jane Gillespie Steinal, who missed the reunion due to graduations, recitals, etc. Jane has three more grandchildren off to college—Lafayette, Georgetown, and Yale. Jane, Jack, their children, and grands are all well, with the exception of a niece who has ALS; prayers are requested. • Patty O'Neill

continues to travel and, by the time you read this, should have survived a trip to deepest Amazonian Brazil, the area where Teddy Roosevelt almost died, on what is now the Rio Roosevelt and the location of a reportedly comfortable lodge accessible only by small charter flights. • **Joan Haggarty Eggers** and Jim continue to enjoy life in their independent senior community, where Joan is recovering well from two hip surgeries. They have welcomed their ninth grandchild. • We welcome any more contributions to our column so we can all stay connected! • *Shortly before publishing this column written in part by Patty O'Neill, we learned that she passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family. Our class will forever be grateful for her faithful correspondence.*

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## 1960

### 60TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

'60/60th. Hard to believe that celebrations for the 60th anniversary of our BC graduation are already under way. • On October 5, over 50 classmates and guests gathered on the Brighton campus for a memorial Mass, celebrated by our illustrious Rev. Leo Shea, H'17, followed by a luncheon at the Cadigan Alumni Center. Some then took part in a bus tour of the many new campus additions since our own times there. • We expect an even larger showing for our participation during Reunion Weekend, May 29–31, 2020. We will have at least one event just for our class and will be able to participate in events with other Reunion classes. Most important: if, for whatever reason, you have not been receiving the mailings from BC about our Reunion activities, please contact the Alumni Association at [infoserv@bc.edu](mailto:infoserv@bc.edu) to be certain you receive future mailings. • While I am thinking of it, kudos to **Fred O'Neill**, who has done most of the heavy lifting in putting our reunion program together. • Nice to hear from some new folks this time: **Tom Cunnally** has joined a group in Foxboro to remember World War II veterans. • **Paul Rigazio** has settled in Chelmsford (or "Chemsford" as the old-timers say). He has been retired for 20 years after successful careers with Arthur Andersen and others. • **Anthony Penna** in Waltham has just seen his last book published: *A History of Energy Flows: From Human Labor to Renewable Power*. Tony is also enrolled in classes at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. (Maybe that is something we should all be doing.) • **Paul Cunningham** and his wife, Jean, have finally settled in Plymouth, and he is still bragging about his tennis and golf prowess. • An unbelievable result occurred when I was recently looking over the results of the Ancestry DNA test I had taken. Among the hundreds of names with whom I had some sort of match, I found a **Joseph Carey**, originally from Brighton and

now living in Boca Raton. After exchanging emails, we found out that we were second cousins even though we didn't know each other or had ever heard of each other. We were both 1960 BC classmates! • **Sláinte.**  
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## NC 1960

### 60TH REUNION

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## 1961

In June, **Edward Karazin Jr.**, of Westport, was honored by the Fairfield County Bar Association with the Robert J. Callahan Judiciary Award. This award was presented in recognition of his high dedication to professional ideas and long-term conscientious service to the community as a judge. Edward graduated from Fordham Law in 1964 and has been a judge for 29 years. He serves on the Stamford/Norwalk District Superior Court in Connecticut. • Although we are over 80, a number of our classmates are still working, including **John Joyce**, MBA'70, H'16; **Bob Kenny**, and **Andy Aloisi**. • **Mary and John Rossetti** have retired to Harwich on Cape Cod, where John has been enjoying the forces of nature. From his back porch, he recently witnessed one of the two tornadoes that swept over his property and evolved from a storm into a rain that came down horizontally. • **John Lane**, of Gold Canyon, AZ, passed away on July 4, 2019. A native of Winthrop, he was a Distinguished Military Graduate of ROTC at Boston College and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. He retired in 1983 and began working as a logistics manager with the Boeing Helicopter Company. He is survived by his wife, Joyce. • **Peg Ryan Collins** passed away on August 5. She was among our most loyal classmates, attending the annual meetings of our class each year. Her devotion to working with environmental issues in the Boston area has also been greatly appreciated. She was raised in Brighton and graduated from St. Columbkille High School. She received her bachelor's degree in education and went on to receive her master's from Boston University. She was a teacher for many years at the Mitchell and Pollard schools in Needham. She was a member of the Massachusetts Hall of Fame for Science Educators, a past president of the Brighton Allston Historical Society, and a friend of the Boston Harbor Islands. She leaves her husband, Charles; a son; and a brother.

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## NC 1961

**Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan** writes: "Jerry and I went to Laetare Sunday Mass and brunch at BC as we usually do. What a

great surprise for me to find **Janet Miele** and **Paula Keane Teeling** at the table. We had a wonderful visit." • From **Faith Mead Bertrand**: "Fun to read messages from classmates... A great deal of my energies... have been centered around a group formed at my church in Danvers, Earth Stewards. We were largely responsible for banning plastic bags in the town of Danvers, also addressing several environmental issues such as water conservation... I talk with **Mary Ann McDonald Barry** weekly—we have fun, spirited conversations in spite of some health issues that she's been having. I've also spoken with **Pat O'Conor Mitchell**. Pat and I have grandchildren who share a common birthday... Her triplet grandchildren in Europe and my twin granddaughters are 16 years old and are the pride and joy of both of us." • I suspect many of us are on the same page as **Ellen MacDonald Carbone**, who wrote: "I am going to start culling over everything in this house as my new project since I retired. So far I have done nothing, maybe threw away a few magazines and some old clothes. Sometime, remind me that I said this." • **Beth Good Wadden** wrote: "I am still teaching reading in Enfield, CT. I am the most senior teacher, out of 440 teachers, in our school system! This is my 47th year teaching! I visited New York City in June with Las Vegas daughter, Michelle; son-in-law, David; and my 10- and 12-year-old grandsons. On the way to the UN we passed the building on East 48th Street where I had lived with my parents. The building had been cut in half to make room for an office building on Third Avenue! [We] attended Mass at St. Pat's, visited Rockefeller Center and the Museum of Natural History, and [took a] tour of Manhattan and a ferry ride to Staten Island. Great food at restaurants near our hotel."

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## 1962

**Jon Doukas** had the opportunity to spend some time with **Jim Keegan**, S.J., MA'61, MA'71, MDiv'72, before he passed in October. Jon retired last December and plans to travel east in October take a river cruise on the Rhine in December. • We met **William Barry** at the Dana Barros '89 Basketball Club in March. We were all there to see our grandsons play ball. • In response to our last column, our classmate writes: "I sit here in amazement reading comments made in the last *Boston College Magazine* about 'Where is Paul Apholt?' I am happy to report that I am alive and well and, contrary to popular thinking, I have been hiding in plain sight the whole time. After BC, I joined the Marine Corps and, after achieving the rank of captain, moved on to the Gillette Company, where I worked for 32 years, retiring happily in 2000 as corporate controller for financial services North America. I worked with **Robert Murray** at Gillette. I have been married for 57 years and have four children and four grandchildren. My kids went to

Providence College, Villanova, and BC. I own a few homes and travel between them frequently and have been traveling to Europe every year with family." Paul would welcome reconnecting with everyone. • We were happy to hear from **Richard Mahoney**, who is in Columbus, MS. • The William Novelline household had some excitement when Bill's granddaughter Carly Novelline qualified for the Olympic swimming trials in Omaha next summer. Carly will swim the 100 meters and 50 meters freestyle. The trials are on TV. No ring stories to report. • **Louis Krouac** surprised Frank with a phone call recently to reminisce about old times. Lou and Frank went to Bishop Bradley High School in Manchester, NH. They laughed about selling Christmas trees together and how Lou urged Frank to go out for BC football. Lou talked about his football days and some of his teammates like **Daniel Sullivan**, **William Byrne**, **Karl Krikorian**, and **John Buckley**, to name just a few. • **William Nagle**, MEd'70, and **David Madigan** have reconnected. • Marilyn and **Larry Sanford** have settled into life at Palm Bay, FL, one hour from the Orlando airport and Cape Canaveral. They are enjoying the many visits of family and friends and, as Larry reports, life is easier there with warm weather and good roads. • Call or email if you've lost touch with a classmate and would like to rekindle a friendship. As always, we wish you good health and joy-filled days. We would love to hear from you.

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## NC 1962

It was a gathering that has happened often over the years, but this year the reunion was in January in West Palm Beach, FL. Sheila Leahy Valicenti, Sheila Tierman Balboni, and Mary Jane Moran MacLean and their husbands celebrated "60 years of friendship." Sheila Valicenti said they also made a "special toast to Monica Shaughnessy Hayden, Donna Coughlin Carroll, and Valerie McMahon Vincent, who were there in spirit" and had always been part of their reunions. • A high school friend of mine sent a great picture of some other classmates, **Peggy Brennan Hassett**, **Toni Lilly Roddy**, and **Anne Crowley Kelly**, whom she bumped into while having lunch in Palm Beach in March. Then, Anne and Toni had another mini '62 reunion with **Barbara Lynch Dilatash** and **Carol Dougherty Hollyday**. I wish there was a way to post pictures, because they all look great. • On a sad note, Joanna Bertsch Yaukey, Judy Bertsch Ritter's twin, passed away in April after a long battle with cancer. So many of us had wanted to attend her funeral but, because of distance, couldn't. Our class was well represented, however, with other '62 Palm Desert classmates, including **Kris Wildman Brennan**, **Cathy Power Schibli**, and **Judy**, as well as **VV Martin**, who was the cantor! • **Gerry Wang Huang** wrote that she has moved to a

"Catholic retirement community centrally located in Mountain View, CA," where she has lived for a number of years. She has only been there a couple of months but has met two Sacred Heart women, one having gone to the same boarding school in Tokyo where Gerry was for six years. • **Judy Pizzarello Bishop** wrote: "The movie I appeared in is now available on Amazon and Netflix. It's called *Miami Love Affair*, a romantic comedy set during Art Basel. My best scene is about two-thirds through the film on a yacht at night. Break out the popcorn and enjoy!" • Another great loss was the passing of **Bonnie Tubridy Blosat**. I never knew Bonnie well at Newton, but after years at Siesta Key with **Janet Richmond Latour**, **Barbara Fortunato Hurley**, and **Anne Gallagher Murphy**, I did get to know her, and she was a blast. Among other things she was a day-trader like me, and we'd hang out in the morning hooked on CNBC. • After I wrote that, Barbara contacted me to say that she has moved to Florida permanently and married the wonderful man she had been dating for a few years. Her new name is Barbara Hurley Brenneis. Never too old for love!

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## 1963

From Maine, **Bob Melanson**, MBA'71, emails, enjoying his "winter walk down memory lane," evoked by mention in our last issue. Ski adventure in New Hampshire's White Mountains still prompts nostalgia. • Marine Corps veteran and six-year reservist **Brendan Kelley** moved in 1980 to Paris, where he penned a play, *The Day Babe Ruth Died*, and worked for Ogilvy & Mather. In 1983, he returned to Newport, RI, his Polaris, and joined Boston ad agency Ingalls, Quinn and Johnson as a partner. During Michael Dukakis' 1988 presidential run, he created the award-winning campaign "The Spirit of America Is the Spirit of Massachusetts." In 1993, he founded The Boston Group agency. On the varsity sailing team while at BC, Brendan also continued to enjoy seafaring interludes and was a member of the Cruising Club America, the New York Yacht Club, and the Ida Lewis Yacht Club. He also served on nonprofit boards, including those of Sail Newport and tall ship SSV *Oliver Hazard Perry*. He also served on the board of the Bristol Women's Resource Center and as board president of the Newport Film Festival. Sadly, Brendan passed away in May 2018. • After BC, Double Eagle Peter White earned a PhD from Harvard and for more than four decades was a professor at the University of Chicago, where he also served as associate chair for undergraduate affairs. He served two terms as chair of the classics department and was honored with the Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Peter was a member of the American Philological Association and chair of its Committee on Publications, 1982–1984. He received a National Endowment for

the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 1994–1995, and in 1995, the American Philological Association's Charles J. Goodwin Award of Merit for his book *Promised Verse: Poets in the Society of Augustan Rome* (Harvard University Press, 1993). Peter is also the author of *Cicerone in Letters: Epistolary Relations of the Late Republic* (Oxford University Press, 2010) and many other publications. • Reading poet e. e. cummings, Prohibition era, use of 'eakspesie' (speakeasy), foreshadowed Tom Quirk's unique, "shows-to-go-you" neologisms: locust (lunch), crust (poor grooming), duecer (economy car), pencils (sour taste), OZ (new, in 1962, McElroy Commons). • The second annual Cape Cod luncheon convened at Fishermen's View in Sandwich in August. Attending were **Larry Flynn**, Kay and John Golden, **Paul Hardiman**, Meg and **Dave Kelley**, Carol and Jim Norton, Ed Rae, Oky and Brian Sullivan MA'65, and **Bob Uek**. • BC Scanlon football award winner. AFL wide receiver, six seasons with the Boston Patriots and named Patriots player of the year in 1963, having averaged 26.1 yards per catch and scored five touchdowns. All-American **Artie Graham III** was drafted by both the Patriots (AFL) and the Cleveland Browns (NFL). His dad, Artie "Skinny" Graham, played outfield for the Red Sox, 1934–1935. Career best: 167 yards receiving in the Patriots' 25-24, last-second victory over the Houston Oilers at Fenway Park in 1964. Also in that year, dazzling Artie put a tin hat on the 33-28 win over the San Diego Chargers with a game-saving tackle on Lance "Bambi" Alworth's punt return. For 33 years, Artie held the Patriots' record for the most receptions (11) in one game. And the multitalented Artie was also on the BC baseball team that won the New England championship and played in the 1961 College World Series. He was inducted into the BC Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1970.

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## NC 1963

Kathleen O'Riley Burdick visited her practically lifetime classmate (at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart and then Newton), **Delia Conley Flynn**, MEd'70, this summer in Falmouth, where Delia now lives. While there, **Carol Donovan Levis**, also a lifetime classmate at Woodlands/Newton, joined them for the theater one evening. They saw *Bye Bye Birdie*, which no doubt provided even more nostalgia and fun. • Oh, to be on Cape Cod in the summer! Especially if you are a Newton alumna! **Carolyn McInerney McGrath**'s annual visit, and her birthday, gives a lovely group of our friends just the excuse they need to have a luncheon at the Hyannis Yacht Club. Judy DeMarco again acted as hostess and made the arrangements at the HYC. **Marj Dever Shea**, with her amazing computer/organizational skills, got the day together and folks notified. Gathered together were **Janice Magri Renaghan**, **Jo Egan Maguire** MA'72, **Maureen Kane Allman**, **Delia**

Conley Flynn, Joan Engel Sundstrom, Carolyn McInerney McGrath, Marj Dever Shea, Martha Meaney Cummings, Maureen Lambert Roxe, Marie Craigin Wilson, and Carol Donovan Levis. The picture of the group is priceless: a group of beautiful, happy women celebrating together!  
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## 1964

"What did you do last summer?" This is a question that is commonly asked of returning grade school students each September, and the most common answer is: "I went to summer camp." Well, last summer I went to summer camp too. It was a camp for adult amateur singers held at the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. We sang a Bach cantata and Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" along with a full symphony orchestra and a chorus mainly made up of singers from the Richmond Symphony Chorale. Great fun. Awesome to be in the presence of such talented artists. • The class recently celebrated the 55th anniversary of our graduation from BC. The weekend was highlighted by two events: (1) a Friday-night dance party featuring Jim Lucie and the Heightsmen that included classmates Ken Calabria and Bill Cormier. It's remarkable how good the band still sounds after all these years! One of the great surprises that night was the appearance of Angela and Jack Nulty. Jack was with us for the first two years but transferred to St. Peter's University (Jersey City) in search of some beauty named Angela. After graduating from Seton Hall Law, he made a name for himself as a federal prosecutor participating on the team that convicted Hugh Addonizio (former Congressman and mayor of Newark) on extortion charges; and (2) the Saturday-evening dinner dance in Gasson 101 that attracted some 83 guests. • Pat Stokes spent part of the summer hiking the Swiss and Italian Alps with his three sons (all BC grads). "Took warm-up hikes with my BC roommate, Charlie Curto, on the Pacific Crest Trail," he writes. Pat continues to stay involved with Boys Hope Girls Hope, which was founded by Paul Sheridan, S.J., MDiv'75, to help at-risk children. He is also "working with the School of Medicine at Washington University (St. Louis) on a number of fronts." • Rita Rosenbauer Hauser "had a very special lunch with Bill and Ruth (Rube) Bennett while they were vacationing on the West Coast. It was wonderful to have time to catch up and relive old times." • Jim Spillane, S.J., MA'68, MDiv'76, was back in Boston for the summer from his posting in Mwanza, Tanzania, living in St. Mary's Hall. He writes: "It is a very diversified community and has helped me reconnect with countries where I lived. There are Jesuits from Italy, Ireland, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Nigeria, Rwanda, Ghana, South Korea, and India. I especially enjoyed meeting the Colombian Jesuit who knows all the people I remember

from my time there in 1972–1973. There were two celebrations for the feast day of our founder, St. Ignatius. The noontime Mass was followed by a cookout for about 120 lecturers and staff from the University, while the evening Mass was attended by the students of the theology school who live in nearby Brighton." • In May, BC's Church in the 21st Century initiative presented a program titled "Revitalizing Our Church: Ideas from Lay Business Leaders." Among the speakers was Chuck Clough. Not only is Chuck the founder and CEO of Clough Capital Partners, but he is also an ordained Catholic deacon. Other speakers included grads Jack Connors '63, H'07, the legendary Boston adman, and Denise Morrison '75, a retired CEO of Campbell Soup Company. • Sandwich Fest is an annual summer competition and celebration of sandwiches in the Cape Cod town of Sandwich that regularly attracts a group of hungry classmates. This year's event was attended by Bob Bent, Bill Flynn, Bill Maffie, Rich Doyle DEd'73, Bob Smith, Bill Collins MA'67, and spouses. • Kevin Moravek writes: "Just finished chemotherapy for colon cancer. CT scan is clean. Looking forward to life in general." • After spending the majority of his life living in Marblehead, Len Conway, JD'67, recently moved to Highlands Ranch, CO, to be near his son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Tricia. "Thankfully, I am really enjoying my life here." • Marshall Hoffman and his firm, Hoffman & Hoffman Worldwide, recently finished a nine-year project led by the government of Norway on global maternal, newborn, and child health. Marshall's firm headed the global public relations outreach, which was instrumental in helping to raise \$52 billion in new money. Those funds built birthing centers all over Africa and South Asia. The result: a 50 percent cut in maternal deaths and 40 percent drop in deaths of children under 5. • Emmet McCarthy's wife, Jayne, passed away in May 2019. Jayne, a graduate of the Catherine Laboure School of Nursing at Carney Hospital, Dorchester, was a registered nurse and specialized in mental-health nursing. • Condolences to Bill Statsky on the death of his wife, Patricia. A memorial service was observed in June 2019. • John Trodden writes: "I was one of the 'invisible' commuters and 'working' students, originally in the Class of 1960, but graduated in 1964 from the Woods College of Advancing Studies. By 1964, I had been in and out of my military service with the USAF, had been married, and was expecting the second of our seven children. I have been reading Class Notes for more than 50 years, the columns for both 1960 and 1964, and have always been proud of my attendance and degree from BC. What I learned there was added to what my parents taught me and became the basis for the way I lived my life. Thanks to everyone who has helped maintain Class Notes, and best wishes to all future graduates." Correspondent: John Moynihan  
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## NC 1964

May 31 to June 2 was our 55th Reunion Weekend. Although attendance was quite small, it turns out that a smaller group has its own reward—the opportunity to spend time with a larger number of people. Saturday's schedule included a discussion with Elizabeth F. Fideler, author of *Women Still at Work, Professionals Over Sixty and On the Job*. Fideler is a research fellow at the Sloan Center on Aging & Work at BC, has been interviewed extensively, and is a frequent speaker on topics related to aging. The discussion focused on not only women who have happily remained in long-held jobs, but also those who have "reinvented" themselves in unexpected ways. The discussion was followed by the Newton Reunion luncheon and then our class dinner on Saturday evening in Barat. The traditional Newton Mass and brunch on Sunday completed the reunion weekend. • Sheila "Meg" McCarthy Fustanio summed up her weekend experience this way: "It was a joyful time spent reminiscing and affirming the value of time spent together at Newton. I am sad it is defunct but grateful that BC keeps us coming back." • Kathy Wilson Conroy suggests that everyone plan to get to the 60th and also to persuade at least two others to attend. Kathy said she has dibs on contacting Regina McDonnell Hayes and Sue Bellanca Walsh, which, obviously, puts them on notice! • It is with great sadness that I tell you that Morna Ford Sheehy died suddenly on March 21 at home in New York City. Morna treasured her volunteer work teaching art history and appreciation at various schools in Manhattan. She was also devoted to serving the needs of those with disabilities. These both illustrate her selfless service to others. Morna played an integral role in the creation of our 50th reunion yearbook. This made her absence from our 55th that much more poignant. She leaves behind her husband, John, and their three children. She is missed. • Lorelle Burke Grazis has just published her first children's book, *The Z Book*, and says that three other books are "waiting in the wings." She spent many years in advertising in New York, and also in Paris and Brussels. She met her husband, Stan, in Denver in 1980, and they've lived there since 1997. Here's to great success with *The Z Book*, Lorelle. Correspondent: Priscilla Weinlandt Lamb  
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## 1965

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Jack '62 and Rosemary (Thomas) MacKinnon co-chaired the Jesuit gala this spring. The gala supports Jesuits in formation, senior Jesuits, and those in declining health. • Matt Soldano was elected president of the Republican Club of South Sarasota County. Matt lives in Venice, FL. • Jim Nelson enjoyed a lunch at Legal Seafood in Braintree on August 1 with 1965

classmates Tom Mahan, Jack Mullen, Neil Bryson, and Henry Croker. Jim is retired from full-time employment after 47 years at Suffolk University but remains at Suffolk as director of athletics emeritus and starts his 52nd year this fall assisting with the athletic and advancement offices. Two of Jim's five children are BC grads, Kathleen '89 and Daniel '01, both living in New York City with their own families. • Tom Mahan, who retired in 1995 after serving as VP for institutional sales at Salomon Brothers and Merrill Lynch, splits his time between Marblehead and Sarasota, FL, with his wife, Diane. Tom's two children are both BC graduates: Erin '92 and Greg '94. Jack, Neil, and Henry are all South Shore residents and have remained in close contact since rooming together at the Heights. Jack, after two years of active military service in the U.S. Army infantry, received an MBA from Suffolk University and then worked for Gillette, retiring after 32 years as senior product manager of international technical operations and eight trips to China. Jack has two children, Chris (who played ice hockey at Suffolk) and Leisa (who followed her dad with an MBA from Suffolk), as well as six grandchildren. • Neil, after BC, served three years in the U.S. Navy and then went to Suffolk University Law School. After 31 years representing Ocean Spray, Neil retired from the company but remains active in the legal field. He has two sons, Neil and Matthew '07. • Henry, after graduation, became a five-year U.S. Navy fighter pilot and later worked in the financial industry, retiring as senior VP at Morgan Stanley after 40 years. Henry's son and daughter are both Ivy League graduates, Mike from Cornell and Kristen from Dartmouth. He has seven grandchildren. Jim writes: "It was great to share lunch, reminisce, remember a smaller and more intimate campus, dedicated teachers, close friends living and deceased, and how a Jesuit education influenced our lives to this day." • Meg and Jim Hartnett traveled to Ireland to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. • After a 46-year career as a teacher, Robert Mallon retired in 2011 only to find himself engulfed in a new career in student and group travel. For years, he has organized trips, both domestic and international, for his own students and friends. The first summer of his retirement, he received a call from a small school south of Boston asking if he would help them organize a trip to Washington DC for their students. This is the origin of School Time Travel and the adult tour subsidiary, Fun 4 All Tours, that he now runs, organizing more than 35 such trips a year. • For the first time in 30 years, Irv Goss is giving up his football season tickets, but the good news is that it's so he and Albie can follow three grandchildren playing college soccer in New England: Allie (Wesleyan '20), Ryan (Babson '22), and Erin (Holy Cross '23). Irv will also begin his 18th academic year at the Gabelli School (RWU) in Bristol in September. • Derry Lucey has been living out his retirement years in contentment with his beloved wife, on the secluded mountaintop farm—long abandoned to

second-growth woods—which his forebears acquired when they emigrated from Ireland around 1842. Of course, he remembers his BC days fondly. • A long overdue update from Phil Rossi, S.J., who left BC to enter the Jesuits of the New York Province at the end of his freshman year: After ordination in 1971, Phil completed doctoral studies in philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin in 1975. He was then appointed to the faculty of the department of theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee, from which he has now retired after 44 years of teaching. He also served as chair of the department of theology for 10 years and also was interim dean of Marquette's Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences from 2010 to 2013. In his final year of teaching, he was recognized as a "Faculty All Star" and also received honorary induction into Marquette's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Cambridge University Press recently published his book, *The Ethical Commonwealth in History: Peace-Making as the Moral Vocation of Humanity*. In "retirement," he will continue to live in the Jesuit community in Milwaukee while undertaking research, editing, and writing on philosophy and theology.

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## NC 1965

### 55TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

Lisa Pustorino Edmiston had her knee replaced in June to go along with her two replaced hips. Hope you are finished with replacements, Lisa! In January, Lisa and Mark enjoyed a cruise from New York to LA through the Panama Canal. They enjoyed a day in Havana before the travel ban was reinstated. Their oldest granddaughter, Julia, is starting Wesleyan College in the fall. She is the fourth generation to attend Wesleyan. • Last October, Simone Poirier-Bures published her fourth book, *Threads in the Acadian Fabric: Nine Generations of an Acadian Family*. The book was short-listed for the 2019 Atlantic Book Awards (Canadian) and can be ordered through Amazon.ca (Canada). • Ed and Cathy (Thompson) Manuel, have relocated from Danbury, CT, to their summer home on the Blue Hill Peninsula, ME, while they await a home at the Ocean View apartments in Maine. • Congratulations to Wally and Sally (Rosenthal) Smith, who celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family reunion in Sandpiper Bay last spring. • Marylou Comerford Murphy attended a cousin's wedding in Ireland in early summer. We are looking forward to hearing about their future travels to Croatia and Costa Rica before heading to their winter home in Kauai. • Bobbi Lorch Gettelman is living in Montana and just completed her first ropes/zip line course. Bobbi gave a shout-out to one of her roommates who stayed up until 4:30 a.m. to open the door so she could sneak back into the dorm. You know who you are! Bobbi treasures her partner in crime. • Paul and Libby (Miller) Fitzgerald

enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Dalmatian coast of Croatia. Libby also enjoys pickleball, cycling, and tennis. • Tom and Angie (McDonnell) Larimer celebrated Tom's 88th birthday in April, seven years after he had a huge stroke that may have left him incapacitated. Instead, he is fit and healthy today, and they lead an active life. Angie still has her tax business, and they spend a lot of time visiting their five children and six grandchildren who are spread across the country. • Sam and Joan (Bishop) Smith are enjoying life at Heritage Harbor, an over-55 retirement community in Annapolis. • Cathy Lugar has moved to another facility in Boston, where she hopes to receive additional physical therapy. Wishing you the best, Cathy. • Out of allotted words; more next time!

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## 1966

David Constantine writes that he is recently out of South Shore Hospital and in John Scott Rehab. "Any communication is appreciated." • Richard Daniels, JD'69, and his wife, Martha, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23—six children and six grandchildren later!

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## NC 1966

Last year, I posted on our class Facebook page a *Boston Globe* article about a passive solar house inhabited by our Dr. von Nemethy and his family in the 1960s. Betsy Wolf wrote from Taos, NM, to say, "I could relate to so much of the article! Our little adobe home is heated mostly by the sun, a modified version of a passive solar house, not nearly as scientifically designed as von Nemethy's home. We are in a meadow area, between a mesa and the Rio Pueblo, which feeds into the Rio Grande. We are fortunate to have a clear shot at the sun. Our house is angled about 18 degrees east of south to obtain optimum solar gain for the adobe walls and tile floors. Since we've had very cold temps and many gray, snowy days this winter, I'm sure glad that we have two wood stoves for backup!" The *Globe* article, by Andrew Nemethy, reported that his parents "had spent two perilous years adrift after the Soviet army stormed into their native Hungary toward the end of World War II, fleeing west to escape the Communist takeover. As displaced persons, they found it bleak and inhospitable in Austria, where I was born. Because the borders were closed, my father hired a smuggler to take him alone over the Alps to Italy, where he eventually secured the visas that allowed us to immigrate to the United States. While he was there, my mother, desperate after months of waiting, also put her trust in a smuggler. On a frigid March night, he led her into Italy on skis, carrying me as a 16-month-old in a backpack." File all that under things we never knew at Newton!

Google “we were human guinea pigs in the strangest house” to find the whole article. • Recently, I asked you to write in and submit your favorite book club books from the last three years. **Joan Candee Rentsch** wrote to say that her three recent favorites were *Lilac Girls*, by Martha Hall Kelly; *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah; and *The Marriage of Opposites*, by Alice Hoffman. “My all-time favorite book we read was *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.” • **Patricia Foley Di Silvio** selected *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, and *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. I’ll include more next time. Correspondent: Catherine Beyer Hurst catherine.b.hurst@gmail.com

## 1967

**Dan Sullivan** has retired to Naples, FL. • We heard from **Rob Wilde** that he did an on-air interview with **Dick Powers** regarding Dick’s navy experience with recovery of the Apollo 11 space capsule at splashdown and Dick’s shipboard meeting with President Nixon (Dick has the signed photo to prove it!). Additionally, Rob was in Normandy with U.S. Army classmate Mike Rizzo at the American Cemetery for the 75th commemorative ceremony of the D-Day invasion. They were reporting the events of the ceremony live, and they conducted on-air interviews with D-Day veterans for the Tan Talk Radio Network in southwest Florida. They were located near the main stage and managed a quick handshake with France’s President Macron after the event. • **Charles, MBA’70, and Mary-Anne (Woodward) Benedict** attended a dedication ceremony for Paul Gorman, a marine killed in action in Vietnam. Paul was the brother of Bonnie Gorman ’66. Bonnie served in the Navy Nurse Corps on Guam with **Marcy Petroccione Umbricht**. Also serving on Guam was Brenda Pultinas Minihan ’65, who is married to **Patrick Minihan**. Pat, a physician, was stationed at the naval hospital in Portsmouth, VA, as were Mary-Anne and **Cindy Rae Butters**. Donald MacDonald, a Gorman family friend, also attended the dedication. • Rob Wilde and Charles Benedict attended the funeral of retired U.S. Army colonel **Norman “Butch” Welch** in April. • Three days later, your correspondents were present at the wake of **Bill Ford**, where we spoke with **John Keenan, James “Fuzzy” Selvitella, Roger Croke, Jimmy McLaughlin, Billy Concannon, and Cindy and Al Butters**. • Have a great Thanksgiving, and give thanks for us having each other!

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## NC 1967

I’ve had numerous reports from many peripatetic classmates. • Charlie and **Rosemary (Ryan) Brennan** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary cruising to Alaska with their whole (12-strong) family in August. • Earlier, Tom and **Mary Onie**

(**Jackson**) Holland visited the Brennans in New Hampshire en route to vacationing in Wells, ME. • Tom and Carol (**O’Donoghue McGarry**) celebrated their 50th with an extended hike along the Camino de Santiago from Portugal, as reported by **Sandy McGrath Huke**. Sandy says the extent of her own summer exertion was to stay home to celebrate her mother’s 100th birthday and the arrival of her eighth grandchild. • **Donna Shelton** and Frank cruised the UK and Northern Ireland in early summer, then shepherded the “grands” to summer activities before sending the oldest to college. Fall found them in Malta and on the east coast of Italy before a quick jaunt to visit Pro Vita, an orphanage/care-giving community they support, in Romania. • **Susan Nunlist Smyth-Lewis** retired from her management consulting practice after 35 years. Although she greatly misses her husband, Ernie Lewis, who passed away two years ago, she is finding pleasure settling into a new condo with “a great river view” in Covington, KY, and traveling, as she did to the Amalfi Coast this past fall. • **Paula Lyons** took a spring venture south, to Uruguay and Argentina, then a fall jaunt east to cruise in the Douro wine region of Portugal. She thinks being home on Martha’s Vineyard for summer and winter is just great, though! • **Kathy Hurd Ohm** has also been traveling, from the East Coast to the West Coast and back several times, to care for ill family members and friends. Her daughter, J’aime, is having the more adventurous travels though, heading to Asia and Africa for six months. Kathy expressed her gratitude to all for “our shared Newton adventure,” which started us on our current life adventures. • Lastly, I have some special news for NC’67. We have a very excited first-time bride in our midst. **Elyse Demers** married a semiretired Lutheran pastor in October after meeting him online. They live in Seacoast, NH, on a two-plus acre farm with two dogs and five goats (all pets), volunteer, and enjoy other activities to keep them busy—although Elyse still thinks of herself as a “city girl.” • ‘Tis is all for now. Keep in touch when you can, even in the midst of the holiday season, which is about when you will read this. (Any good future adventures planned?) God bless!

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## 1968

Greetings, friends. • Heartiest congratulations to our BC’68 men’s basketball players, Steve Adelman, Jim Kissane, and Jack Kvancz, who attended the 50th reunion of the 1966 to 1969 squads hosted by Boston College. Jim says it was simply a great day! These three teams all played under the tutelage of head coach and Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Cousy. They made two appearances in the NCAA tournament and played in one NIT. We salute you—you filled us with great pride and provided such sweet memories! • Congrats are also in order for Kaye and **Peter Negri** on the birth of

their 10th grandchild. The Negris spend the winters at their condo in Naples, FL, before returning home to the North Fork of eastern Long Island. Peter adds that he had a great time seeing classmates at our 50th reunion. • This past summer, **Jim Green** attended the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) conference in Hualien City, Taiwan. He participated from Sinte Gleska University, a tribal college in South Dakota. His presentation highlighted using pre-contact indigenous values to ground a postcolonial education. Jim noted that the “functional specialties” of Bernard Lonergan, S.J., LLD’70, came in handy as a model. • As so many other groups of fellow BC’68 classmates have recently done, my friends and I had a really fun minireunion weekend in Chicago this year. We flew in from all parts of the country, from the East Coast to the West Coast, and from several points in between. It was such a memorable celebration of our special lifelong friendships. We all stayed up very late telling tales, from our youthful BC days to the most recent adventures of our multitude of beloved grandchildren. We loved the sights and sounds of the Windy City, laughed at the antics of the Second City comedy club, learned the history of that great city on our walking tour along Lake Michigan, marveled at the incomparable architecture, and enjoyed an abundance of epicurean delights accompanied by a generous flowing of the fruit of the vine. This fun-loving group of self-proclaimed “Merrymakers” included Lawrene Cormier Rafferty, Peggy Grace Maloney, Phyllis Pasquarelli Emmel, Jeannie Grosz Davis, Judy Chatfield Nevius, Anne Wright Mulbury, and yours truly. We are now happily planning our next fun event. • There is lots of exciting new building going on at the Heights, which we are very eager to see. Three generations of Day family Eagles will be attending the BC vs. Wake Forest football game together, including our sophomore granddaughter, Catherine Day ’22, from Dallas, and our freshman grandson, Indy Day ’23, from California. Go, Eagles! • Some new business details here. BC is going to a new publication schedule for *Boston College Magazine*. Going forward, we will receive three issues each year, skipping our usual summer edition. Our next deadline for Class Notes submission, for the February 2020 issue is Friday, November 15. The due date for the May 2020 issue will be Friday, February 14. We’re all awaiting your happy news; please share!

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## NC 1968

Lucy Winter Sherman’s daughter officially became an RN, having passed all necessary boards. Lucy and her husband spend a few winter months in Florida, and when they return to Chestnut Hill, Lucy sings with the Boston Minstrels, a group that visits homeless shelters. Also, she enjoys bridge, tennis, and mah-jongg. Recently Lucy had

an impromptu luncheon with Pam Maine Cavanagh, Angelica Bevilacqua Gosz, Sue Regine Desaulnier, and Jean Mollicone. Lucy hopes that these luncheons continue with more classmates able to attend. • Mary Marcotte Corrigan and her husband of 41 years, Richard, were recently in the midst of a move to Ashby Ponds, VA, having resided in different northern Virginia locations for the last several years. This move was more stressful in that both Mary and Richard's brothers died unexpectedly within months of each other, and Mary's mother, age 100-plus, suddenly needed additional nursing care. Professionally, Mary has put her Newton English major to good use over the years with a diverse and rewarding communications and association management career. Beginning with service at the Maine Department of Health and Wellness, where she promoted lifesaving health-care measures, Mary defended social justice in the legislative arena for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland. She also spearheaded many successful fundraisers there. In 1976, the Corrigans relocated to Washington DC, and for the next 37 years, Mary worked for the NRA before retiring in 2012 from the position of chief of staff, the first woman to achieve such a high executive position within that organization. Mary continued consultant work until 2016. • Barbara Hensler, also a Virginian, wrote that, after 37 years as an independent woman, she married Patrick Heffernan in October 2018. Congratulations, Barbara! • Remember,

*Boston College Magazine* will now only have three issues a year.

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## 1969

It was great to see so many classmates at our 50th reunion celebration, the Golden Eagle Investiture lunch, and other events during Reunion Weekend. Special thanks to our hardworking Reunion Committee: Kathleen Dawson Brett; Pat Daly MAT'71, JD'73; Maureen O'Keefe Doran; Marty Gavin MBA'74; Barry Gallup; Jim Littleton; Ken Nolan; Greg Murphy; Joe Marzetti MBA'71; Nancy Kelly Sharkey; Jim O'Reilly; and Kathie Maguire Reynolds. It was good to see the return of former Gold Key officers Mike Barry, Tony DelGrosso, Jim Lantier, and Jack Wickham. Among our classmates attending the Veterans' Reunion Ceremony were Jim Blake, Phil Langsdorf, John Lohmann, Jim Littleton, Walter Tobin MBA'71, Jay Kavanah JD'72, Cornelius Maher, Kevin Delano, and Marty Gavin. Sue Budassi Sheehy, PhD'10, and Mary Ellen Mahoney Boudreau represented the nurse veterans. • Thanks to Diane Feeney Mahoney for the following report on the 1969 Connell School of Nursing luncheon: Per Diane, almost half of the nursing class of 1969 attended, with Marge Waite Geary and Jean Davidson Skoblar traveling the farthest, from California, while Jane Egan deGuzman flew up from Miami. Six members are still employed in nursing, but

Pat Galvin Kane completely switched careers a decade ago, to designing clothing for the theater. Mary Ellen Driscoll Olsson topped the grandchildren discussions by having the most, with Mary Kenney Harrington and Mary Connelly Ferraro being close. Jill Hermes Mahoney recalled staying with Diane Feeney Mahoney's family ahead of starting at BC and being helped by this pre-orientation to Boston! The women's dorms, rules, and dating were avidly remembered by Virginia McCauley McGovern, Trish Bess, Mary Beth O'Brien Sandman, Rachel Fredette Schiffman, and Jeannine Dumont Muldoon. Amid our Golden Eagles' gift caps, Barb Barrett sported a green one received last year while visiting Dublin. At the alumni reunion Mass, Marty Gavin did the first reading, Jim Malone took part with the presentation of the gifts, Mary Mulvoy Lofty assisted with the collection, and Jim Littleton and Lois Borowiec Rixner acted as Eucharistic ministers. • At the Golden Eagle Investiture on Friday, I enjoyed talking to Molly Gravelle Kelley, who has retired from teaching and is living on the Cape in Cotuit, and Joanne Gurry, who retired as a professor at Merrimack College. Also at the investiture was Jim O'Reilly, in from Cincinnati. Jim's 53rd textbook, *Dementia and Alzheimer's: Solving the Practical and Policy Challenges*, co-authored with Rhonna Shatz (Anthem Press), was published this spring. • More to come in the next issue.

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## NC 1969

Well, you all missed a fantastic time if you did not attend our 50th reunion. We are still talking about it. **Susan Power Gallagher** developed a memorable slideshow for all of us. **Pat East Allison** and her husband came the farthest, from Houston. **Winifred Loving** traveled from St. Croix. However, **Karen Kelly Sullivan** flew in after having been in Dubai! We talked, we ate, we drank, we danced, we donned hats, we prayed, we laughed, we cried, we listened, we thought, and we just plain had fun. Our weekend started with a lovely investiture ceremony. We each received a gold Newton College pin. We wore them throughout the weekend. Those not attending the investiture wanted to know how to get one. We were each given a Newton College hat. Those were hot items too. After the investiture, we were bussed over to the McMullen Museum of Art. An exhibit of eagles was on display—eagles in Japanese art to be exact. We marveled over the beauty of eagles as seen in sculptures, drawings, watercolors, fabrics, paintings, and books. Our tour guides were most knowledgeable. That evening we joined one another at a private Class of '69 party at Seasons 52. Gosh, you couldn't hear yourselves think, the chatter was energetic. The following morning, **Mary "Bebee" Carroll Linder** met us at the old library, where she presented a wonderful slideshow and discussion on aging! Some read the book *Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age*, by Mary Pipher, but even if you had not read the book, you were able to contribute to our lively and thought-provoking discussion. Bebee is the most engaging teacher. Each person had something to contribute. Personally, I was very impressed hearing about the work that **Laurie Bryan** has done for the past 50 years. She worked for many years in the private banking sector, retiring in her 50s to devote much of her time to the Doe Fund. Check it out online. She has made a huge difference in the lives of those who have been newly released from prison. She has been responsible for helping them acquire a meaningful job, not just a job! Laurie calls them "her boys," and when in need of help, she finds they are there for her, too. Another classmate who touched my heart was **Pat Connolly Henry**. She married a "Pat," so they are Pat and Pat Henry. Besides that little tidbit, she is an accomplished seamstress. She taught for years, but I think her greatest accomplishment is that she designs and sews clothing for those who use wheelchairs. • My word limit is up and I've just begun to discuss the reunion! More news will appear in my next column. Hang in there.

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## 1970

### 50TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

Hi, gang (or is that a little corny since we're now all over 70?). Not a lot to say this time,

but I did have a chance to interact on the phone with a few classmates with some very interesting career paths. • Let me start with an old friend whose career mirrored my own, i.e. BC Law and long-term service with one company. **Stephen Ahern, JD'74**, spent a year teaching but then entered BC Law, graduating in 1974. After a few years, he joined a division of W.R. Grace in Cambridge, where he stayed until 1995. He was then promoted to corporate headquarters in Maryland, where he stayed until he retired in 2015 as the associate general counsel of the company. After retirement he moved back to Boxborough, where he now lives with his wife, Liz. Stephen has two sons and one grandchild. • A slightly different path saw **Larry Kelly**, a proud member of BC's original rugby team, go from a carpenter in 1972 to a general practice surgeon on Long Island who is still performing surgery to this day. In order to bring this about he spent three years both working at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and going back to BC to get the premed science courses needed for admission to medical school, which he attended in Mexico. After graduating, he did a year at New York Medical College, then the normal residency requirements for a surgical specialty. All in a 14-year path but worth it. Larry has five children, the youngest of whom is working on her MBA at the Heights. • Another with a slightly nontraditional path is **David Caponigro**. Since graduation, Dave has been very busy, to say the least. Along the way, he has successfully blended some initial time in the military, a career in accounting, and a stint in high-tech in its incipient stages, and he's also been a small-business owner and a professional musician. He has currently slowed down and considers himself a full-time musician playing several hundred "gigs" a year along with both small groups and a big band. He plays several instruments, including a digital accordion that can cover several instruments. Dave has been married for over 35 years to his wife, Jean. They have two grown daughters and currently live in Groveland. • Want to close with a note on our 50th reunion (did you ever think we would get this far?). Your committee is hard at work as you read this. So, mark your calendars for May 29–31, 2020. I look forward to seeing you all.

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## NC 1970

### 50TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

I begin on a sad note: **Muriel "Chris" Daley Schumacher** passed away in June after a long, courageous fight with cancer. Her brother Rich '76 reports: "Her husband, Kurt, was by her side and was always there for her through the many treatments. She loved her time at Newton and spoke fondly of her many friends there." Muriel remained a loyal Boston fan even while living in Texas, Virginia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire before settling in Greenville, SC, near her grandchildren. She had been

a high school guidance counselor and, in retirement, volunteered for the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. I will never forget her ready smile and quick wit! • Congratulations to four recent retirees! After 42 years as a research molecular biologist studying immunology, **Ann Feeney** retired from Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla. She volunteers with environmental groups fighting climate change and chairs her city's Sustainability Advisory Board (which adopted a climate action plan aimed at achieving 100 percent clean energy!) Travels include Japan, Italy, Croatia, and Slovenia; LA and Denver (to visit her sons); and family reunions in Del Mar. • **Stephanie Del Giudice McEvily** and husband Chuck retired from law, bought a New York City apartment, and balance city time with stays on Long Island's North Fork. Travels include South Africa, Bali, Vietnam, Argentina, and (to visit sons) Westchester and Chicago. Stephanie reports: "I'm incredibly grateful to be where we are, physically, emotionally, and spiritually at this time in our lives." • **Meryl Ronnenberg Baxter** retired from Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree after "a wonderful career in education." • **Ginny Sughrue Crowley** retired in Kennebunk, ME, after teaching third grade for 20 years: "The older I get, the more aware I am of the tremendous opportunity Newton College afforded me. And the friendships—oh, the friendships!" • Best wishes to those "not ready to retire yet!" **Julie McCarthy** is "still enjoying living on a dirt road in a town of 600 with husband Jerry and a big black cat named Murphy." She feels "blessed with two independent, happy children and a fun-loving grandchild. Life is good—and I'm very fortunate." • **Jane McNamara Bieber** continues her private physical therapy practice: "I'm dancing a lot and still loving it. I'm hoping my next phase will involve helping young, upcoming dancers avoid injury." • **Sightings: Barbara Coveney Harkins** saw Kim Jackson and husband Stan in Boston. They had to evacuate their South Carolina home during Hurricane Florence but thankfully escaped major damage.

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## 1971

**Bob Sartini**'s daughter and family moved back to Massachusetts, and his grandkids keep him busy as ever. He still found time to backpack the 140-mile Cohos Trail to Canada. He writes: "Total backpacking miles now exceed 13,500. But definitely slowing down. Granddaughter hiked her first mountain with us this summer!" • **Michael Morris, MA'73, PhD'76**, relocated to Maryland's Eastern Shore, where his wife recently became provost at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He writes that it's a great place to be retired, especially if you like hard-shell crabs and don't like driving in the snow. • **Marisa Labozetta**'s latest novel, *A Day in June* (Guernica Editions), has been recommended by the US Review of Books and won an American

Fiction Award 2019. • **Donna "Dee Dee" Henderson O'Brien** welcomed her first grandchild, Finley Paul White, in March. New mama is Caitlin O'Brien White '07, who teaches seventh grade math at the Edison School in Brighton. • **Tom W. Burke** is retired, back in Matthews, NC, with his wife of 45 years—and has donated 208 pints of blood to the Red Cross!

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## NC 1971

As I write this column, I have just said goodbye to my older brother and his extended family of 21 people. Next summer, we hope to gather a much larger crowd for a true family reunion of the group that started coming to Lord's Point in Stonington, CT, over 70 years ago. In the meantime, there is news to share from some of our classmates. • On April 30, 10 of us gathered at a casual restaurant in Milford, CT, called Rainbow Garden. We were seated away from other folks, at one long table, allowing for a nice, extended chatting session without disturbing the rest of the guests. I was surprised that some of our classmates traveled over two hours to get there for our noon meeting time. As I have said in the past, the years melt away after the first hello, and whether you worked on Wall Street or sat crisscrossed on the floor of an elementary school classroom for most of your career, the Newton College bond remains. From Massachusetts, we had **Terri Mazzarelli Mills**, **Theresa Concannon Trapilo**, and **Eileen McIntyre**. Connecticut had the largest representation, with **Pat Meek McDougall**, **Kate Foley**, **Christine Moran**, **Jo Anne Kennedy MBA'77**, **Jan Scully Gaunt**, and myself in attendance. **Jane Maguire** was the lone New Yorker. To give a quick synopsis, some people are still working, others are recuperating from health issues, writing memoirs, welcoming numerous grandchildren, volunteering, traveling, starting new hobbies, and of course, after all those years of SWC, reading, reading, reading! We are a group including widows, married people, and single women. It was amazing to hear about where our paths led after our graduation in May 1971. Even more amazing was the realization that even though our experiences were so varied, we could visit as if we were still those teenaged college freshmen from over 50 years ago, but way more interesting because of the lives we've lived. We are all looking forward to another lunch in the fall. Please email me if you have any interest in joining us.

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## 1972

We're halfway between our 45th and 50th reunions, but there's a group of classmates who held their own version of one this year. **Ed Kofron**, who's retired with his wife in Prescott, AZ, reports that they and their friends met in York, ME, in June.

The others who were there were Pauline and **Bob Carbonneau MA'74** of Nashua, NH; Kathy and **Bill O'Neill** of Naples, FL; Deb and **Rob Rzewnicki** from the Cleveland area; Jeanne and **Rick Hauer** of Shaker Heights, OH; Marilyn and **Steve Ferro** of Scotch Plains, NJ; Joan and John Bender of Ocean Grove, NJ; Peg and Joe Cain of Reading; Janice and **Bruce Henry** of Belmont; Anne '73 and Charlie Kelly, MSW'76, of Brant Rock; and **Ron Eckel**, CAES'02, of Belmont. There was a sad note at the gathering, however, as Ron's wife, **Mary Morra Eckel**, had passed away the previous month. The group was joined by Sue and **Bill Fogarty**—Bill was a member of our class for two years before leaving to join the Navy. • Several other classmates have written also, including **Mike Devlin**, who is one of several Columbia Law grads in our class. He reports that he's both a law firm partner and a corporate counsel in Milford, CT. • **Steve Marley**, MBA'80, who's been a director of human resources at Harvard, wrote to suggest that we read the Wikipedia page of our late classmate **Fred Berry**, who was a longtime member of the Massachusetts State Senate despite suffering from cerebral palsy. • **Gene Abbondolo**, who's retired in Maryland from his job as a Library of Congress librarian, wrote to report the passing of his friend and fellow federal librarian **Martin Manning**. Martin worked for the U.S. State Department and was also a published author. • **John Dobbyn** reports that he works as an enrolled agent tax preparer in Braintree and is also involved in fundraising to find a cure for Sanfilippo syndrome (also known as MPS III). • **Joan Donahue Martin** has been an Ignatian volunteer at Cristo Rey High School in Dorchester for the past five years. She writes that it has been a very rewarding experience to work with students who work one day each week to help pay for the tuition to attend their high school.

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## NC 1972

In mid-July, **Cindy Ross Lauer**, **Kathy Carty Kita**, and **Connie Bielecki** reunited in the Boston area for a lovely minireunion in Sudbury and the Berkshires. Cindy and Kathy and their husbands are all enjoying retirement, and Connie is hoping to do the same in the near future. Cindy and her husband continue to live in the Boston area, Kathy and Bill Kita '72 are in the Buffalo area, and Connie lives in Colorado at the base of her beloved Sangre de Cristo Mountains. • Cindy and **Norma Tanguay Frye** have reconnected after living a mile away from each other for about 30 years. Now that they are both retired, they are in the same book club and are exploring local museums. • Recently, Norma had a visit from **Anne McGuire** and her husband, Sergio de los Reyes, after finally making it happen. All had a great time catching up and reminiscing. • Bob and **Norma (Tanguay) Frye** are beginning a large renovation project at their home. However,

the nicest news is that Bob and Norma welcomed Charlotte Avery Gould, born in July, as their fourth grandchild in four years. • Following her transfer to Wellesley after our sophomore year, **Ann Nunez** graduated from the Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine. Ann was in the first three-year class, which was the first class to admit 25 percent women. She pursued pediatrics during residencies in Cincinnati, New York City, and Boston before returning to New York City. Ann's daughter Liz is an attorney in Colorado, and daughter Katie is a consultant living in Chicago. After nine years of New York–Chicago travel, Ann moved back to Chicago to marry her medical school sweetheart. Ann had plans to continue practicing, but after looking for part-time work, she is now taking acting classes and pursuing that full-time. • **Sarah "Sally" Burns** writes that she had a wonderful visit with some BC and Newton College friends in Ireland. She met **Norma Farley Bodie NC'70** in Dublin and then traveled to Bantry in West Cork to meet **Martha Meaney NC'71, MA'78**, and **Frank Connors '72**. • **Lillian Broderick**, who taught at Newton from 1967 to 1975, passed away in February at the age of 92. • Please continue to update your records with BC and write to me.

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## 1973

As the summer has slipped away with its warm, sunny beach days, and hot, humid temperatures, it's time to turn our attention to cool autumn nights, crisp leaves falling, and pumpkins and spices. The students have returned to the Heights, and the football season is under way. I wish I had more to report from some of you, so start the year off right and send your stories from your summer vacations and trips or any other fun times you had that you want to share with us. Put it on your "to do" list, and have a great start to the academic year!

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## NC 1973

**Kathie Sullivan Murray** reported that her family welcomed a new granddaughter, **Aysha Rahman Murray**! She was born this July 4 and joins her older sister, **Ayla**. Kathie and her husband, **Fran**, visited Paris this spring to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They were lucky enough to attend Mass in Notre Dame prior to its devastating fire. • **Peggy Publicover King** is currently a principal at Seaside Community Charter School in Atlantic Beach, FL. It is a K–8 Waldorf School whose philosophy is to educate the whole child through an integrated, interdisciplinary approach. This embraces our liberal arts education and The Study of World Cultures. Peggy is always looking for qualified teachers, so if you know anyone, please contact her. • **Eileen Wynne DeBartolo** worked for over 45 years in private banking. She recently

retired (congratulations!) and is excited about the arrival of her first grandchild in April. The proud parents are Eileen's son, Steven DeBartolo '07, and his wife, Jenn. • Maureen Lynch Foley traveled to Amsterdam and Rotterdam this summer with her husband, Oliver, and son, Conor. She and her son then continued on to Italy, visiting Milan, Pescara, and Rome. Maureen highly recommends the Adriatic coast of Italy for its gorgeous beaches, warm water, fabulous food, and great style. She headed to Cape Cod at the end of August to visit with her sisters, Joan and Patti, BC'76, as well as her daughter, Deirdre. • Jane Kennedy and her husband, Dave Farina, have been living in Albuquerque, NM, for almost 13 years now. Although she has driven or flown east many times since she moved, she hasn't been back since September 2016, when her nephew, Adam (the youngest child of her sister, Mary Kennedy Turick NC'72), got married. Jane also visited Mary's two daughters, Kristen Turick Chenette '99 and Erin Turick Gooch '01, and their families in Connecticut, as well as friends in Massachusetts and Maine. Jane writes: "I have been self-employed for the past 30 years as a fundraiser for nonprofits, as well as a writer/designer of newsletters and other publications. I have been working with many different arts organizations in New Mexico, and, since 2005, have worked with Newton Community Development Foundation in Newton, MA." • Two quick reminders: Please include your maiden name in all correspondence. It's required by Boston College and helpful for us. Also, please update any changes in your email and/or home addresses. Both Mimi and I are thinking of moving, although remaining in the New York-New Jersey area. Thanks so much for your help and news!

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## 1974

Thanks to all who attended our 45th reunion! We had a great turnout (too many to list here!), and I hope many more of us will get together in five years. Thanks to our classmates who networked to make the class gift and party successful, especially to Bob Cooney, Jim Kelliher, Kathy Owens Glynn, Paul Battaglia, Lenny DeLuca JD'77, Martin Kofman, Joe Mahler, Linda Chatalian Wyatt, Karyn Laurano, and Jo Ursini. • I received a great note from Robert Wilcox saying what a great time he and wife Carol had visiting with Mod 14A roommate Doug Conetta and his wife, Carolyn; Jim Kelliher; Bill Stempsey, S.J.; Marty Foncello MBA'82; and Kathy Owens Glynn and her husband, Mark. After 41 years practicing law, Bob Wilcox has retired, as has Carol. Their "kids," Sara, Jay, and Abbey, are all doing well, and Abbey is mom to the Wilcoxes' first grandchild, Logan. Thanks, Bob, and congratulations! • Cherylann Joseph, MEd'80, also attended the reunion, and she

was able to go to Fenway Park to celebrate BC's 150th anniversary. She is living in Portland, ME. • On a personal level, the highlight of that weekend for Jim and me was reconnecting with Catherine Fitchner Sullivan and Deborah Barrett Downes. We had lost touch over the years, but all that time disappeared that night. I am so glad they came. A special shout-out has to go to Carroll School of Management Professor Jim Bowditch, who joined us Friday and Saturday nights! • Barbara Lyman O'Connor and her husband retired two years ago, and they now live in Williamsburg, VA. • In recognition of her distinguished and continuing achievements in original research, our classmate Rosina Bierbaum has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, one of only 40 women selected worldwide! Rosina is a professor at the University of Michigan's School for Environment and Sustainability and at the University of Maryland School for Public Policy. Congratulations, Rosina, on this amazing and much deserved honor. • Please check the obituaries section at the end of Class Notes for news of classmates' deaths, and post any news you want to share on the class Facebook page. The magazine is moving to three issues per year, so Facebook will be a more immediate way to keep in touch. • My family is doing well—our youngest son just married a wonderful young woman, and our six grandkids keep us laughing. • Thank you for your notes.

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## NC 1974

Thanks to the efforts of Mary Lou Maloney-Buckley, Jude Hannaway, Margot Morrell, and many others, our 45th reunion was a success! After all Margot's efforts, she missed the reunion! Margot is happily ensconced in the wilds of Virginia and developed a passion for genealogy. An audio edition of Margot's book *Reagan's Journey: Lessons from a Remarkable Career* will be out in October. • Marion Sullivan writes, "I loved reconnecting with so many of my Newton classmates. I hadn't been to a reunion, and I haven't responded to your requests for information until this year! So here goes! After graduation, I received my MS degree in occupational therapy from Boston University. I worked in pediatric settings for 30 years, mostly in the Dedham Public Schools, and loved it. I married Gregory Sullivan, who was a state representative for 18 years and later became the inspector general for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We have been active in our Norwood community, where we raised our four children. Our children followed their father's footsteps to Harvard University: Michael, BS'03, MS'06; Andrew, BA'06, JD'14; Jennifer, BA'09; and Daniel, BA'11. I am now enjoying retirement, sailing a lot in the summer and visiting our three California-based grandsons during the year." • Although Marion Flynn missed the reunion, she writes: "Finishing up six years as a board member of the Women's Ordination Conference. Most of you know

that I'm a person called to the priesthood, and no one is more surprised than me that this is still an issue in our church! [I am] still active in my Catholic parish but love visiting other houses of worship. Best preacher in my own is a young woman rabbi!" Marilyn Mase did not send any news but did write in support of the Women's Ordination Conference. • Mari Borrero-Bou writes: "I had everything ready: my flight tickets, my suitcase, my plans in Boston, and my enthusiasm for attending our anniversary celebration. Regrettfully, situations at work required my presence. After Hurricane Maria savaged Puerto Rico, I was able to have some rest and to enjoy modern facilities (the ones we [take] for granted) in Boston. Thanks to Micaela [Degan Wilson], Elena [Spagnuolo Loukas], Jody [Shields], and Mary Lou [Maloney-Buckley] who received me and nurtured me with their open hearts." • Space is limited, so more Reunion news next issue! Correspondent: Beth Docktor Nolan  
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## 1975 45TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

Hi, classmates! • Joan Caroselli Blake's daughter, Ali, is embarking on a PhD program at BC's Lynch School of Education and Human Development. Ali earned a BFA in textiles from RISD in 2014 and was the first RISD graduate to also earn certificates in two liberal arts concentrations: gender, sexuality, and race as well as environmental studies. She went on to earn a MEd in arts in education at Harvard, where she was also a teaching fellow. • Michelle Marrone Paton, MEd'79, recently retired as principal of Sherman School in Warwick, RI. She had taken leave for the last two years to care for husband Doug, who waged a valiant battle against ALS. Regina Kernan often visited as she was on duty at MGH 24/7. Doug passed on May 8 after welcoming his third grandson on March 15. • A huge thank-you to Peter Begans, who kindly submitted the following notes: "This has been an important transition year with many of us retiring and turning to the next phase of our lives. It is fascinating how much our BC experience and friendships with each other have led to notable achievements in business, politics, education, community service, and the arts. Pat Casey, MEd'81, who served as secretary of the undergraduate government, became an associate in the BC Admission Offices and then went on to shape admission policy for undergraduates across the country as an admission consultant. Matt Fissinger, MA'86, who also worked in BC admission, is now nearing three decades as head of admission for Loyola Marymount University in LA. Many may remember Matt for his singular importance as the Chaplain's Office distributor of doughnuts after Saturday midnight Mass. Mary Sloan, who worked at the PULSE program, recently retired as director of graduate studies at the University of Southern Maine and has started a

metalworking and jewelry business. Tom Kelley, MST'77, a BC Band member who once had his eye on medical school, decided instead to teach chemistry to high school students on both coasts and in Europe. He retired several years ago as chair of the science department at the American School of The Hague. Since returning to the States, Tom has been in eight community theater productions and plays a mean rock and roll drum set, showing that STEM dudes are not all nerds. Jayne Mazur worked with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in the Pacific Northwest before settling in Colorado, where she recently retired as president of the Health Foundation at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center in Pueblo. Jayne, known as the Annie Oakley of community service, has become quite a horsewoman. Lori Long, a legendary storyteller and political Forrest Gump (she was interning in the Watergate building in 1972 when the DNC was bugged and burglarized), recently retired as head of community benefits for North Shore Medical Center, where she championed local initiatives and community input. Lori now gardens, campaigns for congressional upstarts, and paddle boards around Marblehead, waiting to be discovered by a new generation. Mark Pierman, another PULSE program alum, recently retired after over 35 years in nonprofit administration for various agencies across the country. He keeps his social work skills sharp by driving daily for the Charlotte, NC, Meals on Wheels and talking to strangers at local breweries. Kathy Shea Edelman, a special education major and basketball enthusiast, began as a special education instructor in Waltham and went on to become a social worker in the UK. She later started her own catering business in Rochester, NY, where she has also served as a speech pathologist for the last 22 years." (Due to space limitations, the remainder of Peter's notes will appear in our next issue.)

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## NC 1975 45TH REUNION May 29–31, 2020

It was so nice to hear from Pam McNaughton D'Ambrosio with an update. She and her husband, Peter, met in Washington DC after he graduated from Georgetown Law, and they lived in the Virginia/DC area, where Peter practiced law until 2015. That's when they decided to move permanently to their home in the Berkshires. "We love living in Lenox, a refreshing change after Washington." They have two grown sons; the younger got married last August in Manchester, VT, and Susan Monahan Callahan and her husband were able to attend. Pam and Susan also get together on the Cape in the summers—such fun! • On the travel front, Margaret "Margi" Caputo took a "trip of a lifetime," traveling to Abu Dhabi and then embarking on Celebrity Cruises to Rome in April. In Abu Dhabi, she was greeted by a kind and friendly people and learned so much about the UAE and the

Muslim religion from Nissam, her driver/tour guide. Then Margi was off to meet her friends on the ship for a 15-day cruise to Dubai, Muscat (Oman), Aqaba (Jordan), Athens, Katakolon, and Rome. So many wonderful sights and excursions and, she writes: "cruising through the Suez Canal is hard to beat (except for maybe having lunch in a Bedouin camp in the same desert where *Lawrence of Arabia* was filmed). A fabulous journey!" • Mark '71 and Jo Ann Hilliard Holland enjoyed an anniversary trip to France in May, traveling throughout Normandy, Brittany, the Loire Valley, and Paris. Their visit coincided with the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the 130th birthday of the Eiffel Tower. As Jo Ann said, it was an entire trip of highlights from the expert guided tour in Omaha Beach to a private evening showing at the Louvre. • I was in Boston for a day in April and got together with Lee Costello, Joanne McCarthy Goggins, Jo Ann Hilliard Holland, and Carol Finigan Wilson for a fun evening at Sorellina in Copley Square. The perfect night—delicious food and wine and lots of catching up and laughs with dear college friends I wish I saw more often. Speaking of which, our 45th reunion is coming up! How did this happen? Let's mark our calendars for Reunion Weekend, May 29–31, 2020, so we can all get together! Thanks for all your news and for continuing to keep in touch.

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## 1976

Our two classmates who died on 9/11 have been gone for 18 years. Danielle Delie graduated from the Dominican Academy in Manhattan and was a forensic accountant on the fateful day. She is greatly missed by this writer and all her friends. Edward Papa graduated from Chaminade High School in Mineola, NY, and worked for Cantor Fitzgerald. We could always see Eddie when BC played football at West Point. Known for his dazzling smile, Eddie is fondly remembered by many. Plaques commemorating them are part of BC's Memorial Labyrinth, a calm and contemplative place to visit when on campus. • Donna Carelli Hoffman attended a BC football game last year and then met up with Cathy DiMarzo Joseph at the Ritz. They had not seen each other in nearly 40 years, and "it was wonderful." She also dined with Kathy Larkin '77—they both came to BC in the Newton College merger. Donna loved her time at BC and is an ardent Eagle. She and husband Jonathan have a son, Jared. • Emily Reynolds Antonen resides in Baltimore. She's fully retired from a natural health-care profession in Florida but continues editorial work part-time, including as spa editor for *Intermezzo Magazine*. She is a member of the Editorial Freelancers Association and the Maryland Writers Association. • Renette Dejoie Hall was honored by the Press Club of New Orleans with its Lifetime Achievement Award. She is currently president of the *Louisiana Weekly*. Sadly, her husband, James '74, passed away in 2016. • Joanne

Posluszny-Hoffsten lives in Sweden, where she exhibits her artwork regularly. Her website is joannehoffsten.se. • The Ignatian Volunteer Corps New England honored Joe Vallely for his endeavors. In 1976–1977, Joe was a volunteer in Wilmington, DE. • Please note: *Boston College Magazine* will now publish three times a year. Here's wishing all a happy and healthy autumn and winter. • Go, Eagles, and God bless!

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## 1977

Mary Owens Tarca informs us that on May 26, 2019, her son James '13 married Chelsea Zlotnick '13, MSW'15, in Newport, RI. In attendance were Jim's aunt, Maureen Owens Goodrich '83, and host and mother of the bride Michele Van Tuyl Zlotnick '83. Maureen and Michele were roommates at BC. Many other BC alumni were in attendance, including best man Gregory Tarca '05. • With heavy hearts and joyous memories (such is the paradox of life), Jimmy Nicoletti '78, MA'83, and George Newman informed us of the passing, on August 19, of Stephen F. McGrory '78, who lived in Arlington. Steve led a successful career as a media sales manager and business development executive for radio, newspaper, and digital media corporations, including CBS Radio, Boston Globe Media, Infinity Broadcasting, and Gannett. He is survived by his partner, Sandy Upham; his father, Frank '59; his daughter, Evann McGrory Blanchard '11; and his son, Ryan. Steve, like Jimmy and George, loved The Who! George remembers Steve as a rock music aficionado—he knew every band and song, and the history of them, from our era. Steve was also very fun, and, oh, yeah, Fr. Hanrahan knew him very well.

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## 1978

Hi and hallelujah—I was very happy to get emails from a few of you seemingly moments after the last *Boston College Magazine* hit our mailboxes. Yay! • Bill McLaughlin wrote that he married classmate Patti Stades in 1980, and they live in the Boston area. Bill was lucky enough to get into the emerging software/tech industry right out of BC and rode that wave, working for many of the early companies such as D&B Software, Cullinet, and Lotus, and then with dozens more as a strategic communications consultant. Bill is now running sales and marketing for ShopAdvisor Inc. but says he is "most definitely headed onto the off-ramp to retirement." After working for a couple of years, Patti became a full-time mom and substitute teacher. The couple have two adult children: Matthew, MS'08 (Holy Cross '05), and Marya (NYU '08); no grandchildren yet. Bill is in touch with several fellow alums, including Bill Donovan (Hingham); Gene "Tex" Dove '84 (Daly City, CA); Jeff Kurpaska (Adams);

**Karen Wilson Connor**, who is living in the Pittsburgh area; and **Diane Barry Preston** (Dedham). • **Bruce Speca** wanted to update us that after 31 years in the mutual fund industry, he retired in 2011 and has been living in West Dennis, Cape Cod, with his wife, Gail, and sitting on a couple of mutual fund boards. In mid-June, Bruce's former roommate Lee Tesconi organized a gathering of fellow '78 grads—Peggy Pitt Ruggieri, **Sharon Doyle Skelly**, and **Kevin MacKenzie**—to honor former Carroll School of Management professor-turned-dean Jack Neuhauser. Bruce said all of the invitees had Jack as a professor, and many have stayed in touch with him over the years. On a more general note about Bruce's former roommates, **Dave Colelli** and the recently deceased **Mark Nuccio**, JD'83, both live/lived in Dennis, and roommate **Anthony Compagnone** is a frequent visitor. Lee also has a home on the Cape, and all of the roomies are able to catch up with him and his wife, **Carol Snow Tesconi**, a couple of times a year. • **Stephen Hug** happily reported that his first grandchild, a boy, arrived in November 2017 in Alexandria, VA. His dad is Stephen's son. • And I am thrilled that I was able to see **Maureen Tichenor**, MEd'92, and **Barbara Grady** during their August trip to Jackson Hole. Beyond special, and they both look terrific. • So, what's new with you, dear reader?

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## 1979

Jim Sano has been living in Medfield for the past 32 years with his wife, Joanne, and their two daughters. After graduating, Jim taught high school for several years before pursuing his MBA and working at Data General, EMC, and now Dell-EMC for over 30 years. He's dabbling in some writing and looking forward to the release this August of his first novel, *The Father's Son*. Jim recently reconnected with an old BC friend, **Bill Cafarelli**, who has been living in Houston. • Jess and Jane (McGlew) Collen have been married for 40 years, since senior year at BC! They have four children and two grandchildren, and they are both intellectual property lawyers. Jane's new book, *Flirtation on the Hudson*, a historical romance, came out in September. It is the first in The Journey of Cornelia Rose series. She is also the author of seven children's books, The Enjella Adventure series. • As membership chair of Entrepreneurship Organization (EO) of Louisiana, **Mark Lewis** led the chapter to become the fastest-growing chapter in the country, expanding membership by almost 60 percent over the past year. EO of Louisiana received the 2019 Global Membership Recruitment Excellence Award. In addition, Mark's book *Give a Damn! The Ticket to Cultural Change* just became an Amazon No. 1 best seller. • After retiring from Barnstable Public Schools, **Kathy Blackwell** now works for the Saul Zaentz Early Education Initiative at Harvard. For those of you who remember Kathy's bringing her son, Matt, to class

with her way back when, he is now VP of international at Corindus Vascular Robotics, which was just bought by Siemens. Her daughter is office manager at Full Picture in New York City, and she has three fantastic grandsons. • In March 2019, **Alicia Connors** married a childhood friend, Bob Clemente. They have known each other for 55 years and have been together for the last 10. For their honeymoon, they did a service trip high in the Andes Mountains, working with the indigenous peoples in Ecuador. They helped administer eye exams for over 500 people. • **Jim Curtin** got together with a few classmates, **Greg Robleski**, **Jim Merrigan**, **Tom Pope**, **Steve Papazian**, and **Julius Sciarra**, post-40th reunion at the Summer Shack in Cambridge, reminiscing about their glory days at the Heights. Jim hopes to see everyone at home football games this fall where the Eagles look to contend on the gridiron and, hopefully, gain some recognition with AJ Dillon '21 contending for a Heisman.

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## 1980

### 40TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

**Karyl (Stonkas) '81** and **Michael Leary** proudly announce the publication of their daughter Susan L. Leary's poetry collection, *This Girl, Your Disciple* (Finishing Line Press, August 2019). After Karyl's mother passed away in 2009, she learned her father had taken his own life in the basement of her childhood home. Susan devoted herself to understanding his story and has since given it a voice in her poems. Susan's work is widely published and has been nominated for both the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net Anthology. Susan has also been a finalist or semifinalist for various other awards, including the Elyse Wolf Prize and The Heartland Review Press Chapbook Prize. Susan teaches English composition at the University of Miami. • **William Kickham** was sworn into, and admitted to practice before, the United States Supreme Court on March 4. • **Marianne Anzuoni Supino** underwent a kidney transplant on August 28 at Massachusetts General Hospital after being blessed with a kidney donor, Rina Morris. Rina donated her kidney on Marianne's behalf to a stranger in Colorado, which allowed Marianne to advance on the donor list. • To end with a personal note: I was chosen by Janssen Pharmaceuticals to attend its elite annual HealtheVoices 2019 Conference due to my patient reporting and advocacy work and resulting growth as an influencer in the oncology space.

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## 1981

**Dan Arkins** retired from the U.S. Army in 2016 after 33 years of service and two combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He is active in veterans'

advocacy organizations, including serving as co-chair of the Boston College Veterans Alumni Network (BCVAN), which represents approximately 3,000 BC military veteran alumni. Earlier this year, Dan served on a panel called "Today's Military Force at War with NPR and BC Veterans" with NPR Pentagon correspondent Tom Bowman, MA'87, and two current BC student veterans. BC's EVP and Army veteran Mike Lochhead '93, MBA'99, moderated. **Bob Shea**, **Tim Chapman**, and **Mark Murphy**, JD'84 (all three of whom are lawyers, by the way!), were in the audience to lend support. Those who have served are encouraged to visit bc.edu/bcvan to join BCVAN. • Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont appointed **Laura Cahill** as commissioner at the Connecticut Liquor Control Commission, a three-member regulatory body within the Department of Consumer Protection. Before joining the commission, Laura served as treasurer on the 2018 successful political campaign of Connecticut Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz. Previously, Laura worked as deputy state director and counsel for former U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman. Laura lives in Glastonbury, CT, with her husband, James Hemphill. • **Phil Brown** reports that to celebrate "the year we all turn 60 (ouch)," **Bob Cucuel** arranged a golf trip of a lifetime last spring to play Scotland's historic courses. **Jim Gorga**, **John Graham**, **Greg Clower**, **Tim O'Donnell**, **Brett Kellam**, and **Herb Miller** '80 also participated in this special outing of the famed Animal Cup that included incredible golf, afternoon pub visits, and group dinners. John furnished "BC 60" golf hats, and master of musicology, Greg, provided playlists for their van trips that also provided ample opportunity to talk about life—past, present, and future. Fittingly, the Animal Cuppers ended their journey where golf began many ages ago on the Old Course at St. Andrews. In a nail-biter, Phil's two Mod 22A roommates, Brett and Tim, battled it out on the last few holes for the prestigious Animal Cup. Brett prevailed, and they celebrated with a grand dinner overlooking St. Andrews Bay on the North Sea. In June, Brett and **Sherrill (Burger) Kellam** also hosted a group 60th birthday party at their home in Connecticut for many of our classmates. The photos are priceless!

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## 1982

**Thomas Finigan**, JD'85, shared that his wife, **M. Duncan Driscoll Finigan**, of Milton, passed away on May 26, 2019. Duncan courageously fought a four-year battle with metastatic breast cancer. She is survived by Tom and their four sons: Alec, Cavan, Duncan, and Will. The Finigan family is grateful for the support of members of the Class of 1982, who helped their family through this difficult loss.

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## 1983

Thanks for the following update from Steve Bravman: "I am currently semiretired after a career in the e-commerce payments industry. I live in Dedham with my wife, Roseanne. In May, we had a minireunion at my house for some classmates to take advantage of. Matt Naud visited us with his wife, Mary, from Ann Arbor, MI, as well as Jim and Carrie (Tracey) Murphy, John and Janet Kaczmarek Kent, Charlie and Natalie Davila Kent, and Mike Webster, MS'86, and his wife, Denise. • Michael Connell writes: "Boston College and friends and acquaintances meant the world to me, and still do! Thank you and God bless you all! My beautiful wife, Sun Hui (South Korean), and our three children, Patrick, Sarah and Stephen, all reside in North Carolina. We stayed after army time. Shout out to their schools, UNC Wilmington and UNC Chapel Hill (environmental, sports medicine, and dentistry degrees!), and the selflessness that I attribute to BC and professors there."

• Matt '80, MEd'04, MA'06, and Sarah (Lahr) Fitzsimons are cofounders of Grace Academy, a Nativity Miguel tuition-free school for middle school girls in Hartford, CT. This year, Grace Academy will celebrate its 10th anniversary, and they welcome BC alumni to visit the school. Grace Academy's mission is to break the cycle of urban poverty through education. Students who graduate from Grace Academy are supported in high school and college through the GA Graduate Support Program. Currently, 32 of the students who started at Grace Academy in fifth grade are in college. In addition to Sarah and Matt, Tom Sliney, MS'97, is a member of the Grace Academy board and is the treasurer. To visit or learn more about the school, please contact Sarah at 860-331-0676 or visit [graceacademyhartford.org](http://graceacademyhartford.org).

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## 1984

Greetings, classmates! Here's the latest news. • David Boudreau is senior VP of commercial lending at the Institution for Savings in Newburyport, and his wife, Ann Sheehan Boudreau, teaches second grade in their hometown of North Andover. They are celebrating the end of paying college tuitions over the past 12 years for his three kids! Dave loves returning to campus at least annually to watch My Mother's Fleabag, the improv group he was in, and which is celebrating a 40th year on campus! • To celebrate their 35th reunion, Dave vacationed in Moab, UT, with his Keyes South classmates Charles Garcia, Tom Freitas, Al Goduti, and James Drew. The boys' trip included mountain biking, canyoneering, airplaning, four-wheeling, and whitewater rafting down the Colorado! • Kevin and Pamela (Gorski) Wright celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this past August along with the recent graduation of their daughter, Catherine, from Arlington Catholic High School. Catherine began studies at Fairfield

University this fall. Pamela is coming up on 10 years at MIT Lincoln Laboratory in Lexington, where she is a senior technical writer in systems engineering. • After three years in the Netherlands, Judy Kwek Garnier and her family are moving back to France. They are excited about moving back as her husband, Jean Philippe, has a new job there. Two of their sons, Nicolas and Julien, are in full-time jobs, working respectively in the aviation industry and the consulting field. Their third son, Quentin, is finishing up his bachelor's degree in international business and is hoping to pursue his master's degree in Rotterdam as well. They are planning to travel to Manila and stay for a month with her mom, who is 85 years old and still overactive. Afterward, Judy writes, she will return to the normality of life, walking her dog, hanging out with her friends, and attending a concert or two. She writes that if any classmates are heading her way, please reach out and come and visit her. • Thanks for the news! Please write soon.

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## 1985

### 35TH REUNION May 29–31, 2020

Leslie Samuelrich has joined Green Century Capital Management, the first family of diversified and responsible fossil fuel free mutual funds. Leslie has been traveling a lot, and in spring visited New York City, where she met up with BC classmates Max Gaujean and Brian Carome. Leslie and fellow BC'ers Tricia McHugh Russ and Diane Baney Davey have been meeting for dinner regularly in the South End for many years. • Jackie Petrini Mann is enjoying her return to the Newton area as principal of the F.A. Day Middle School. • Christine D'Entremont Mosher started a new job as a clinical social worker with TeamHealth and also started her own private psychotherapy practice part-time in Foxboro. She is especially interested in helping student-athletes with mental health issues. She recently moved to a new home in Onset. • Betsy Sullivan Cox hosted a group of BC'85 friends at her home on Plum Island. Betsy and her husband, Ralph, split their time between Plum Island and Charlestown. Betsy works in Boston doing international health advisory work at Partners HealthCare and independent leadership development and coaching. • Sarah Alley Lavalette is married with three children and lives in Glastonbury, CT. She is a pediatric oncology nurse at Connecticut Children's Medical Center and co-owns an antique and home gift store. • Craig and Tricia (McHugh) Russ live in Hingham, where they are enjoying life as empty nesters. • Carrie Barr Miller lives in New Canaan, CT, where she manages her own interior design firm, Carrie Miller Interior Design. • John and Sue (Penders) Abely have two children and live in Summit, NJ, where Sue works as a pediatric nurse. • Kathy Curtin Perry lives with her husband, E.J., in Andover. She works as a school nurse in Billerica. • Carol Blood Walker lives in

Bolton, CT, with her husband, John. Carol works as a school nurse. • Bill and Nicole (Smit) Marcinkiewicz, MS'91, live in Natick. They recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a vow renewal on the beach in Aruba. A true BC romance: they met in the Mods and married at St. Ignatius. • Doug and Maureen (Murphy) Olsen live in Medfield. After spending most of her career as a media salesperson and media buyer, Maureen now works in Needham as a realtor. • Thanks for the notes.

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## 1986

Summer 2019 is now behind us, and I hope everyone had relaxing vacations and lots of fun in the sun with family and friends. All of our ACC sports schedules look exciting, so I hope classmates have a chance to get back on campus to enjoy a sporting event or an alumni favorite football game with epic tailgating. • I have been brainstorming possible stories for our column and here are some ideas I thought might be interesting to hear—what's up with the kids of our '86 Eagles? Where are they now? Feel free to send recent Mods or dorm reunions, professional achievements, or any personal news you wish to share with our classmates.

• Here are the notes I received this quarter. • Patrick Geraghty wrote that he recently arrived in Afghanistan, where he serves as the deputy spokesperson at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. His previous assignments with the U.S. Department of State included U.S. Embassy Paramaribo, Suriname, where he was the public affairs officer; U.S. Consulate General Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where he served as a consular officer; and the U.S. Embassy Oslo, Norway, where he was deputy public affairs officer. While he is in Afghanistan, his wife, Lauren, and children reside in Canton, MA. Patrick, thanks for your service, and safe travels. • Leigh Ann Steinbrink Yuen writes that for the past 25 years, she has been living on Martha's Vineyard with husband Richie and their three children. All three children have graduated from college. Her daughter, Emma, graduated last year from St. Michael's College; its president, John Neuhauser, was dean of the Carroll School of Management while we were at BC! This year, the school that Leigh Ann founded on Martha's Vineyard is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Garden Gate Child Development Center in Vineyard Haven is a creative learning center for young children. • David Brennan, MSW'87, PhD'07, was recently promoted to full professor at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, and serves as the associate dean of research. He has lived in Toronto for 12 years, loves the city, and enjoys being a social work educator. • Please keep the emails coming—I appreciate all news. I hope everyone is "living the dream," and good luck to all our current Eagles. I hope you have an awesome school year. Go, Eagles!

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## 1987

Marie McGRAIN O'Brien is looking forward to her daughter's senior year at BC's Connell School of Nursing. She is so excited to be living in the Mods (ugh—weren't they "temporary housing" 30 years ago?). Marie recently reconnected with her former roommates: Maureen O'Conor, MA'92, while visiting in Falmouth; Marianne Quercia Doktor, when she was in Rochester, NY, for her son's college graduation; and Susan Crowley-Mulloy '88 on Facebook (where I found out that she is now a clinical instructor at BC!). Marie was hoping they would all be able to get together and tailgate at the Mods for a football game. • In March, Ron Gendron and his wife, Courtney, announced the birth of their third son, Brooks, who joins brothers Reed (9) and Luke (5). Ron serves the U.S. Department of Justice as an assistant U.S. attorney in Rhode Island. • Herb Cogliano is now spearheading his own advisory practice based on the award-winning books *Scaling Up* and *The Rockefeller Habits*. Aspire Growth Advisors is a boutique firm and provides certified coach-supported programs to owner managers and senior teams implementing the Scaling Up methods successfully in their business. • After realizing they may be better off leaving Marin County, CA, for the mountains sooner rather than later, Norm Page and his wife, Jackie, moved to Bozeman, MT! Norm continues to operate the early-stage investment and advisory group Same Page Capital, which still takes him to San Francisco and New York City quite a bit. Drop him a line, especially if you're ever traveling out his way through Bozeman, Big Sky, or Yellowstone. • Frank Sarra attended the newly formed Jacksonville Chapter get-together on August 8 at the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp baseball game. He is looking forward to more BC events in northeast Florida!

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## 1988

Dick Doyle is excited and proud to share that his daughter, Kara, began her studies at BC in the fall as a member of the Class of 2023. She joined her brother, Keegan '20, who is now a senior. BC has always been a big part of their family, and as fourth-generation Eagles, they both continue in that tradition. Dick likes it because it gets him back to campus more often from their home in Dallas. • Stephen Paul Sayers has completed his Cape Cod horror trilogy with *The Immortal Force*, due out in fall 2019. His other novels, *A Taker of Morrows* and *The Soul Dweller*, were published in 2018. All three were published through Hydra Publications. • Will Anzenberger recently moved to Vero Beach, FL, to be the director of development and marketing at the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County. • Mary Powers Lewek was named Adult Honoree for this year's Walk to Cure Arthritis in Boston, held in June at Canal Park in Cambridge. She and her team, Marvelous Mrs. Mary, raised \$10,900 for the Arthritis Foundation.

She is continuing her volunteer work with the foundation as a member of the walk committee.

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## 1989

Hey, folks! What an amazing 30th reunion! Everyone looked wonderful. Please keep the updates coming, and continue to share your adventures via email to me or online submission. Thanks! • In April, Tom Walker married Laura Finerty at the Biltmore Estate conservatory in Asheville, NC. Thirty family members and close friends attended, including Christine (Hemphill) '90 and Brendan Comito, Rachel and Tommy Kurtz, and niece Gabrielle Downey '19. • Ron Santos says that The SAFE had an awesome time playing Reunion Weekend, and thanks our classmates for having them back at the Rat! • Scott McKenzie celebrates eight years as the global channel director for ej4.com, noting it is always refreshing to meet BC alumni throughout his travels. • Many thanks to classmate and hometown friend Todd Laggis, who sent a great update and photo (online) of a group of BC guys celebrating 30 years of meeting for their annual BC golf tournament. Impressive. The group spent two days together at Mohegan Sun and the Norwich Golf Course, and even had shirts made with the BC logo. The group included George Alexandrou, Pat Barbera, Jim Brennan, Rich Brunaccini, Mike Deluca, Joe DeMarco, Pat Fay, Jim Flaherty, Tom Flood, Jim Gannon, Ken Grohe, Bill Hogan, Scott King, Michael Lazzari, Steve Lefkowitz, Steve McCarthy, Jack Mackinnon, Pat McManus, Shawn Mullen, Brendan Murray, Tim Pisinski, Tim Reyes, Jim Rice, Eric Ringkamp, John Sulick and Todd Laggis. • Finally, I report very sad news about our classmate John Wilkinson, who passed away peacefully and unexpectedly at home on June 16. John leaves his wife (and classmate) Cheryl Horne Wilkinson and three children: Lindsey '17, John Jr., and Daniel. John and Cheryl would have celebrated their 30th anniversary in July.

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## 1990

### 30TH REUNION May 29–31, 2020

Hello, Class of 1990! I have been busy doing college tours with our second child. Boston College was first on her list, and it was so fun experiencing the Heights through the eyes of our 17-year-old daughter. • Patricia Houlihan, MA'94, MTS'99, is a project manager working in ophthalmology clinical research at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. She celebrated her 50th birthday with a two-week trip to Pigeon Forge, Nashville, and Memphis, TN. • Ken Forton JD'01, wife Jessica, and their three-year-old, Betsy, met up with Betsy's godparents, Tracy and Brian Hammer, in Lyon, France. Brian, an associate professor at Georgia Tech, was teaching a three-week course

there. They enjoyed the mile of cheese and the most perfect strawberries and carrots ever. • Karen McCarthy Balerna, an RN and the founder, owner, and clinical director of Nurse Advocate Partners, recently passed the board certification exam for patient advocates (BCPA). • Tony Fernandes was recently selected to be the director for multilateral trade at the U.S. Department of State in Washington DC. His office is responsible for advancing U.S. interests in trade policy. He was also promoted to the senior Foreign Service in recognition of especially distinguished diplomatic service over a sustained period. He resides in Vienna, VA, with his two kids, wife, and mother. • Please send in your news; we love to hear from you! I hope to see many of you at our reunion this spring! Can you believe it has been 30 years?

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## 1991

Doug Neviera, MS'94, is living in Stamford, CT, and his son, Dougie, is in the Class of '22 at BC. Doug has been in the hedge fund business for the past 20-plus years and is currently employed at a family office in New York City. Please watch for his upcoming book, *When New Money Meets No Money*, a story about life and the people you meet along the way. • In March 2019, Greg Varga, JD'95, was elected a fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel. The College is a prestigious international organization of approximately 300 lawyers who are recognized for excellence and leadership in the fields of insurance coverage and extracontractual liability. Greg is a partner at Robinson+Cole. • Candice White lives in Waitsfield, VT. Her children (ages 17 and 19) have both flown the nest for prep school and college. She worked as VP of marketing and communications for Sugarbush Resort for 10 years, and now she works for herself in the communications field. She still serves as editor of *Sugarbush Magazine*, which recently received an Award of Excellence from the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts. Candice regularly sees her close friend Laurie Holton Furse, who lives in Atlanta and works as a director for Warbird Consulting. Laurie's two daughters are at BC. Candice gets to Boston regularly in the fall and spring, and to the occasional BC football game (but sadly no longer has the rights to the front lawn at Mod 16B for tailgating!). • Julie Siskowic married her soulmate, Keira Brooke Vermilyea, in spring 2019! They are living in rural Colorado, where Julie works with underprivileged teens as a RN in the Health and Wellness Center at the Collbran Job Corps. • Krista Wolfe Barton, Chris Daley, Mary Lyster Ellis, Jillian Griffiths, Beth Regan Kisielius, Elizabeth Matys-Rahbar MAT'93, Susan Garro Millerick, and Tere Bruno Uriarte celebrated their 50th birthdays and 32 years of hilarious friendship together on Anna Maria Island on Florida's Gulf Coast! Lots of talking, laughing, reconnecting, and remembering with love their roomie Amy Aaron Howle, who passed in 2011. Cheers to friends who instantly make you feel 20

again! • **Mark Sexton, John Spielberger, Amul Thapar, and Heming Nelson** celebrated their 50th birthdays by penning a “man vs. nature” essay in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota: three days, 30 miles of paddling, two miles of portaging, a bit of Kentucky bourbon, and one really big fish.

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## 1992

Hi, everyone! Hope you are all doing well. I really look forward to receiving your updates and news, so please keep them coming! Please pass along any professional or personal news—or if you have met up with other members of the Class of 1992. We would all love to hear from you. Thanks so much! • **Rich Sinopoli** took a mission trip with his parish, St. Matthew Catholic Church in Windham, NH, to the Dominican Republic in March. It turned out that 3 of the other 68 participants were also BC alumni: Kristen Duffy Pelletier '90; Mary Jude Murphy Donabedian MSW'93; and Monique Tremblay Burke, MSW'92, MA'93. • **Jennifer Parent** received the 2019 Outstanding Alumni Service Award from Suffolk University Law School. Jennifer is the director and chair of the litigation department at McLane Middleton. She is also president of the Suffolk University Law School New Hampshire Alumni Chapter and serves as president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents. • In April, **Brian Coleman** hosted a show in Brookline titled “Buy Me, Boston,” based on his 2018 book of the same name. The show featured rare and funky video content, local TV, musical performances, media, and cultural and other oddities from Boston’s past. Brian is the author of four books and the founder of Good Road, a media relations, event management, writing agency, and record label in Boston. • **Susan Hannifin-MacNab** has written a book titled *A to Z Healing Toolbox: A Practical Guide for Navigating Grief and Trauma with Intention*. Susan wrote the book after her husband, Brent, died in a car accident in 2012. The 300-page book, which won three 2018 independent book awards, is a workbook of 26 different therapies, activities, practices, and counseling programs that she and her son have used in the years since her husband’s death. She also founded the organization A2Z Healing Toolbox, which provides trainings and workshops for people who are learning to live with profound loss. Susan is the cofounder of a San Diego County support group for the newly widowed and works part-time for Soaring Spirits International, which hosts three “Camp Widow” conferences in the United States and Canada each year. Susan and her son, Jacob, live in Carmel Mountain Ranch, CA. • **Laurie Quinn, MA'94**, has been appointed the interim president of Champlain College in Vermont, where she has been provost and senior vice president since 2014.

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## 1993

Lots going on with BC '93, too much for 400 words. • In May, **Craig Finn** was interviewed and played on CBS *This Morning*. • In June, **Gary Gulman** was featured on NPR’s *This American Life*, and **Alina Cho**’s amazing interview in Italy with Sting and his wife, Trudy, ran. Wow! • Like mama, like daughter: **Glynis Anderson Walsh**’s daughter, Alex, competed at the Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru, for Team USA and won three gold medals in swimming in August. • After 12 years at the House Financial Services Committee, **Kevin Edgar** joined BakerHostetler as a counsel in the firm’s federal policy group. • **Mike Garnsey**, a Colorado law enforcement officer, was recently recognized as the top computer forensic examiner by the U.S. Secret Service for the third year in a row! Mike says: “While the work often involves crimes that are unpleasant, I know that the work I do and the evidence I uncover make a difference.” • **Ana Agrelot** was just together in Puerto Rico with **Delia Roman** and **Veronica Fernandez**. • **Jeff and Suzanne (McLarney) Teeven** and **Tom Burton, JD'96**, had some summer fun on Nantucket. • **Christine Fahey, Kristin Allison**, and **Kathleen Haley, MBA'97**, had Aruba time with **Dave Tubman** and **Diana Shedd LaFoley**. Then, **Mike Greene** and **Tammy Marshall Shea** ran into each other on the island. • **Jayne Casey** hosted a summer reunion with **David Fromm, Brian Boussy, and Steve Piluso**. • After 23 years in Brooklyn, **Martin Gobbee** (and family) has moved to Sonoma, CA, to become general manager of Taub Family Outpost, opening in the fall. Go see him. Listen for Loud Tunes. • **Monique Laflamme Hapgood** just celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary and sent her twins to college! She’s a neonatal nurse practitioner at Kaiser Permanente in Oregon, lives in Washington, and says she “tries to do things here and there that would make BC proud to have me as alum, as I am still pretty grateful I was able to attend.” • As for the rest of y’all—you are on it about passing on word of our Facebook group (I know, I know, even Insta is old now, it’s all about Snap. Oh well, we are almost 50.). We have 760-plus classmates! Join or share the link: [facebook.com/groups/BostonCollege93](https://facebook.com/groups/BostonCollege93). Especially with this magazine going down to three issues a year, Facebook is a great place for us to keep up. Until next time, wish me luck taking on a class of fifth graders as a very old first-year teacher!

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## 1994

Hello, everyone. What a terrific reunion back in May! It was wonderful to see everyone. Many thanks to the BC staff and fellow classmates who helped make it happen, including Reunion Committee co-chairs **Leslie Everingham Burton** and **Brian Delaney** and members **Naveen Ballem, Jay Colbath, Heather Dean, Nancy**

**Drane, John Houle, Kristin Keating, Kimberly Kozemchak Paster, Michael Price, Brian Saxton MA'96, and Aimee Grmoljez Shanight**. I was struck by all the BC couples, including some, like **Dave and Shelley (Pendergrass) Sullivan, MEd'99**, with Eagles of their own now. The Heights has certainly changed, but you all look exactly the same (of course). Here is some news I cobbled together, but please do not be shy about sending me word of your adventures, life milestones, or anything else. • **Shelley and Dave** aren’t the only ones with Eagles of their own. **Dan and Ally Resha Hayes**’ daughter, **Shannon**, is a sophomore at BC. Not only does she live in Ally’s old dorm, but she is roommates with another Class of 1994 legacy, **John MBA'03** and **Jen Clemons Villela**’s daughter, **Rose**, also Class of ’22. • **Deanna Sloan Spagnola** dropped her daughter **Julia** off at BC this year, Class of 2023. Deanna is the assistant director for humanities in the Brighton Central School District in Rochester, NY. She and husband **Mark** live in Penfield, NY, with their other daughters, **Emma (15)** and **Anna (11)**. I want a Class of 1994 parents photo during Parents Weekend! • Meanwhile, **Dan Brown** joked that his oldest is just starting kindergarten, so he’s got some time before the college days. (Me too, Dan!) Different adventures for all, that’s for sure. • **Kim Stimson Kushner** has come full circle since graduation and lives in Brookline with her husband and children, just down the road from BC. They just moved their eldest to Chicago to start her freshman year of college. Kim founded and runs Brookline Thrives, a weekend food program serving the students and families of the public schools of Brookline. If there are any local alumni looking for great community service work, please contact Kim at [thrives@brooklinefoodpantry.org](mailto:thrives@brooklinefoodpantry.org). • Finally, if you’re in Plymouth, stop by the new Jersey Mike’s franchise started by our own **Matt West** and his wife, **Stacy Wyrwa West**. Congrats to them!

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## 1995

### 25TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

Jean “Jeannie” Ennis French has had a busy 2019. She was able to meet up with **Sharon Mainero Kucia, Katlyn May, Renata Piekielniak Cary, Maureen Grealish White MBA'02, Maura Winson Mann, and Lillie Lucas Lawrence**. Jeannie has been employed at Coastal Carolina University since 2001. Last fall, Jeannie was the first female to earn the rank of full professor in the department of computing sciences, and she was also the first female to be elected department chair. She lives in Myrtle Beach with her husband and two daughters and visits her hometown of Boston several times a year. • **Melissa Celata Cacciapaglia** lives in Franklin with her children, **Hannah and Matt**, who will both be in high school this fall. She is starting her sixth year as an elementary math coach in Framingham. • **Brigid Linnan**, her husband,

Steve, and their two boys, Trent and Sean, have settled down in Windham, NH, after spending the previous 10 years in Virginia Beach and San Diego. Steve retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years in naval special warfare and is enjoying civilian life at BAE Systems. Brigid is doing her best to fight Darwin as a night ER doc at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. The boys spent the entire summer testing the limits of Brigid and Steve's sanity and bank accounts. • After 19 years, Tracy Russell Ryan, MEd'99, moved on from special education at Newton North High School and became an associate principal at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School as of July 1. • William Cunningham began a new job at Corsearch, a leading trademark research and clearance intellectual property firm.

After 15 years of IP and financial markets experience, he is now with the competition.

• Frank Ceruzzi's new dystopian play, *Round Went the Wheel*, premiered this summer at Theatre Row in New York City as an official selection of the 2019 Broadway Bound Theatre Festival. The play imagines a future where children take control of the world after technology brings humanity to the brink of disaster. Congrats, Frank.

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## 1996

Melissa McNamara Mullen writes that she was recently back on campus for a BC swimming and diving reunion, held at the Rec Plex prior to its demolition (RIP, Plex!). "So many other athletes were back on campus for their reunions, and it was great to see everyone after all of these years," she writes. Melissa recently began a new role at Massachusetts General Hospital as an educator and nursing practice specialist for interventional radiology. She also teaches at the Connell School of Nursing and in the CSON Continuing Education program.

• Rick Staropoli writes that he and his wife, Tiffany, founded a company called Granville House Media, specializing in commercial production and educational video content. The couple are also building a new home, including a home office and study space, from the ground up, in downtown Rochester, NY. •

After many years working at a boutique family law firm in Boston, Judy McKinnon recently joined the law office of Rosanne Kloove in Stoneham, which is closer to her home. In this new role, she continues to devote her practice to all areas of family law. She also recently became a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and accepted a board position in the Massachusetts chapter. • Julie DeMatteo-Lane and Dawn O'Brien, JD'99, were anxiously anticipating the start of football season this summer. Their legendary tailgating kicked off once again on August 31, and they were looking forward to seeing fellow Eagles there with them this fall. Past attendees have included many Class of 1996 alumni!

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## 1997

William Waters recently wrote that he married Melissa Navarro on May 26, 2017, in LA. Melissa completed her undergraduate degree at UCLA and received her JD degree from NYU Law School, where they met. They both work as attorneys in the Clark County Public Defender's Office in Las Vegas. • Linda Song Wendel recently launched a wellness company for women called merilu. With merilu (merilu.me), Linda and her cofounder hope to reframe the discussion around self-care for real, modern, everyday women and truly support them with information, knowledge, and a supportive community to prioritize self-care every day. • Keep your updates coming, please email me at the address below.

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## 1998

Bernadette Quirk married Leo Norton (Stonehill College) in Raynham on May 18. Classmates in attendance were Sandy Cho; Thomas Esperiqueta; Margaret "Meg" Seaver; Kevin Small and his wife, Melissa; Guy Conti and his wife, Emily; and Kelly Welch MEd'99. • Colleen McGuire DePasquale writes, "My 43rd birthday this year brought change both personally and professionally (new baby and new job)—in December 2018, we welcomed our third baby, Catherine Grace, into our family. She joins big sister Charlotte Mary (5) and big brother Connor Joseph (3). We built our home in Foxboro in 2016 and have settled in nicely as this family of five. Professionally, I made a change recently as well, departing Dell after nearly 12 years for an opportunity to join one of their key partners, VMware. Driving greater synergy between the two companies was too good. I will be leading global enablement for VMware. Life is filled with change that opens us up to further growth and great adventures. I am grateful for my BC education that provided me the foundation to take the right risks and have faith in the journey."

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## 1999

Hey, Class of 1999, it was so great to see so many of you this summer at our 20th reunion! So insane that is has been 20 years since graduation. I guess everyone was able to connect and catch up over the weekend since I haven't received any updates from any of you, so this column will be a brief one. • Congratulations to Damian Paletta, who was recently named the *Washington Post*'s new economics editor. Such a huge accomplishment. • Another congratulations goes out to Jodie Neville who, three years ago, made a major career shift, leaving Hasbro and joining Mike '01 and Lee Mita's real estate business. Jodie was recently recognized as the No. 9 RE/MAX agent in New England and the No. 3 agent in Rhode Island. Amazing! • Some fun news from me, Matt Colleran—I started my own

game company and recently launched my first game in partnership with two major Mom Influencers, Cat & Nat. It is a party game exclusively for moms, called the Mom Truths Game. Please check it out on Amazon for any future mom's night out/in or for any mom who needs a laugh. • Have a great fall/winter, and please share any future updates with us via email.

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## 2000

### 20TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

Class of 2000, how is it possible that we are approaching our 20th reunion? I would like to thank Jeni Hansen for signing on to be my co-chair for the reunion. We are both excited about the upcoming planning. So, it's time to save the date, May 29–31, 2020, and start thinking about flights and lining up those babysitters. • Megan Gerson Rhodes was awarded a master of arts in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI. As a civilian student representing the U.S. Agency for International Development, Megan spent a year of intensive study with military counterparts from across the U.S. services as well as ally and partner navies from around the world. She graduated with highest distinction and received recognition for writing on the topic "Women, Peace, and Security." She returned to Washington DC and USAID in July. Her husband, Andrew Rhodes, was also a graduate of highest distinction. They enjoyed spending the year with their two young children back in New England. • Daniel Erskine was named a member of the board for the APT Foundation, a nonprofit providing outpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment, primary health care, outpatient mental health treatment services, medication assisted treatment, family counseling services, and adult education and vocational services to all, including women with children and those living with HIV/AIDS. The foundation also supports clinical research projects by Yale University and the University of Connecticut. • Lucy Hale is wrapping up her first year as president and CEO of the EcoTarium in Worcester. Lucy, her husband, and their two dogs and two cats relocated in 2018 from the Dallas-Fort Worth area to Central Massachusetts so she could take the reins of the EcoTarium, a nearly 200-year-old science and nature museum and anchor organization for the region. Lucy encourages fellow Eagles to stop by and say hello the next time you're in Worcester! • After producing 2018's successful film *Halloween*, starring Jamie Lee Curtis, Ryan Freimann is preparing to produce the two follow-ups, *Halloween Kills*, which started production in September, and *Halloween Ends* the following fall, which Universal Pictures will release in 2020 and 2021, respectively. • Kevin Joyce and his wife,

Camille, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter on April 30. Kevin reports that Quinn Kady Joyce and family are doing well! • Thank you to all who shared news!

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## 2001

Andrew Sodl, JD'04, MS'05, launched Sodl & Ingram, PLLC, a law firm servicing clients in all aspects of commercial real estate, investment, financing, and development. He represents investors, developers, financial institutions, private equity firms, and companies in all aspects of commercial real estate, including acquisition, disposition, financing, leasing, and development, and advises institutional and private lenders in secured lending, distressed credit workouts, and enforcement. • Gabe DiSaverio started The Spicy Shark (@thespicyshark) in Portsmouth, NH, on February 13 and has had an amazing start to his craft hot sauce, wing sauce, sriracha, hot honey, and hot maple syrup venture. • Gregory and Paige Harden Pinter, MA'02, welcomed baby boy George Allen Pinter on March 5, Mardi Gras Day, in New Orleans. • The New England chapter of CoreNet Global named the 2019 winners of its annual Awards of Excellence. Honored this year is classmate Marisa Consolla Fava, a Boston-area sales district manager at Humanscale, an ergonomic solutions designer and manufacturer. Since 2003, Marisa has held roles in business development, product training, and marketing and communications. She is active in CoreNet, serving as co-chair of the New England chapter's communications committee and as a board member. • Nine years ago, Derek Lamberton founded London publishing company Blue Crow Media, which publishes a series of 20th-century architecture guide maps for cities all around the world. A recent title, *London Underground Architecture & Design Map*, was named a book of the year by the *Financial Times*. They also have a map dedicated to late-20th-century concrete architecture across the Boston area, *Brutalist Boston Map*. • Steve Walkowiak was named the global co-chair for his law firm's international video games and esports practice group. He feels privileged to represent some of the biggest video game titles in the world, and he works to develop leagues devoted to the competitive video game industry as well as the support infrastructure for streamers, advertisers, and various other content creators. Steve's three boys, Ethan (9), Liam (8), and Beckham (6) hope this will help them get free video games (it doesn't). • Andrew La Fiura has been appointed office litigation manager of Jackson Lewis PC in Philadelphia. Having over 10 years' experience as an employment law litigator, he represents clients involved in all types of employment actions in state and federal court, and routinely handles administrative matters in front of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

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"I want to keep building and growing entryways for students and families, pathways to better lives. People get stuck. I love to be a vehicle to help people get unstuck."

## MICHELLE SANCHEZ '97, MEd'99, DEd'10

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### A Principal's Journey

The motto of Dorchester's Epiphany School resonates deeply with its principal, Michelle Sanchez: Never give up on a child. An independent middle school, Epiphany educates children of all faiths, races, cultures, and cognitive profiles, who have one thing in common: they all receive scholarships.

Sanchez never imagined she'd be a teacher. "I was not a great student; I was a lot like these guys in that I got into a lot of trouble," she laughs, gesturing to the students around her. In fact, when she told her high school guidance counselor she was touring Boston College, he said, "Why are you wasting your time?"

BC opened her eyes to a passion that surprised her. "I had a mentor at BC, Derrick Evans '90, MAT'94, who really tried to get young people of color to become teachers." He saw the need, she says, for students from poor, minority backgrounds to see themselves represented in the classroom—the early years of the Charles F. Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars program. On her first day student teaching, she thought, "Wow, he was right; this is exactly what I'm supposed to be doing."

When she completed her graduate degree, Evans called her. He was involved with a school that would take any student, no matter their challenges, and develop close relationships with them and their families—and he wanted her to teach there. "I had no experience except student teaching. But I could really relate to the families," explains Sanchez, the daughter of Cape Verdean immigrants who had struggled financially.

She's been at Epiphany ever since. "I'm loving every kid and family. And the kids feel that, and the kids know that," she says. "It's been a beautiful journey."

## 2002

In April, Suzanne Harte received a special recognition from the Wakefield Educational Foundation and the Wakefield School Department at the 23rd Annual Celebration of Learning Ceremony. The award is in recognition of her dedication to the ideals of education and her abilities to make learning an enriching experience for her students.

• Congratulations to Brandon and Kara (Bolesky) Woolkalis, who welcomed a baby boy, named Gage Benjamin, on August 22, 2018. • Jennifer Ducie recently moved home to Boston after medical training and her career took her away to Baltimore and New York City for a combined 11 years. Jennifer just started a new job at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as a gynecological oncologist on August 1. Her two children, Isla (3) and William (1), motivated the move home to be closer to family. They are very excited to be back! • Lauren Butera Cortinas and her BC bestie, Kristina Shultz, reunited for a Fourth of July weekend adventure in wine country! Taking Sonoma and Napa by storm, they had a blast remembering all their fun times at BC. • Brian and Martha (Plante) Frydl welcomed their third child, a baby girl, in January 2018, much to the delight of big sister and brother! The family recently relocated back to the Washington DC area, where Martha has joined Steptoe & Johnson LLP as an associate in their ERISA investigations and litigation practice group.

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## 2003

James Coogan, as lead trial counsel, represented a woman whose 61-year-old mother died as the result of what he claimed was negligent cardiac treatment. The case went to trial in May 2019. James's team claimed that the test done by the cardiologist caused bleeding that led to her death. The jury's verdict was \$3,000,000. • Colleen Costigan is the founder and director of BEAM Kenya, a nonprofit advocating for the emotional, spiritual, and education needs of vulnerable children in Kenya. • Elise Lovejoy has two children, Daxon (9 months) and Crosby (3), and is married to Quinn Baker. She currently owns and runs a company called Express Readers, a foundational reading program for grades TK–2. The program is in six states, including Massachusetts, and in over 200 classrooms after only five years in business. • Brody '02 and Kari (Knight) Stevens are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Elsie Jane, on July 24. Elsie and big brother Noah are doing great and love cheering for the Eagles! • Tanner and Alana (Blanks) Flowers welcomed twin daughters, Annie and Charlotte, in May. The girls and their big brother, Cooper, look forward to rooting for the Eagles this fall! • Katie Ruigh and her husband welcomed a beautiful son, Ashton Blair Lapointe, to their family on July 23! • Jon Kucskar and his wife, Emily Levenson, proudly welcomed Rosalie

Lange Kucskar into the world on February 22. Rosalie joins big sisters Caroline (8) and Ellie (3) living in Baltimore, where Jon serves as advisor to the president at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. • Ariana Ebrahimian married Connor Keese on September 29, 2018, at Santa Catalina School in Monterey, CA. She thought it was wonderful to have her BC friends Sara Rosen Fertman and Toni Ann Kruse, JD '08, in attendance. • Jennifer Wadenius Gilman is excited to announce that she is running for town council in Westfield, NJ. The service-oriented education she received at BC has motivated her to serve her town in this volunteer role. • Gabriel and Femaris (Pena) Verdaguera welcomed to their family their third child, Valentina Camila, on July 4. Big brothers Matias and Luis are excited to have a baby sister to care for and play with. • Naitaphit Limlamai has recently achieved candidacy in her doctoral studies and has been approved to collect and analyze her dissertation data. She also recently attended the Maryland State Fair with fellow alumnae Anna Sheehy and Molly Brown.

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## 2004

Kathleen Peterson Palladino received the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association's "Rising Star" award on May 8 at a ceremony in New York City. • Joshua Thornhill and his wife, Kara Hughes, welcomed their daughter, Ty, in April. She is the couple's first child. • Drew Schaffer started a new job with Littler Mendelson, PC, in Irvine, CA. Littler is the world's largest law firm devoted exclusively to labor and employment law.

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## 2005

### 15TH REUNION May 29–31, 2020

In May, Jessica Kensky, Patrick Downes, and illustrator Scott Magoon received a Christopher Award for the book *Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship*. The Christopher Award affirms the highest values of the human spirit. Jessica and Patrick were injured during the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013, and service dog Rescue joined them several months later. • Elizabeth Carmona, a BC English major, accepted the position of director of copy at Meredith Corp's branded content studio, The Foundry, earlier this year. • Molly Rotsch married Eric Plummer on October 27, 2018, at The Hideaway in La Quinta, CA. BC alumni in attendance included maid of honor Suzanne Jones, Kathryn Short '06, Amanda Allen Swaggert '03, and Mary-Elizabeth Wightman '04. The Plummers reside in St. Petersburg, FL, where Molly leads marketing for the Carrabba's brand, and Eric is a senior customer manager at General Mills. • Kim Magee coached the varsity girls' basketball

team at Concord-Carlisle High School to a 20-2 record and the MIAA Central Division I semifinals. Kim also teaches social studies at Concord-Carlisle. • Kjersti and Michael Hemak welcomed their second child, Austin Chet, on May 13. Along with their oldest son, Clayton, they are enjoying life as a family of four in Rocklin, CA. • Ravi Kalwani won his second "D13 and Friends" fantasy football title in the past three years. Ravi defeated several other BC grads, including James Walsh '08, Pat Dwyer '03, Aaron Gerstenmaier '03, and most notably his cousin Amar Ashar, who, with his lovely wife, Shana Rabinowich, also welcomed a daughter into the world this fall. • John Curley and Andrew Grillo took their annual "best friends vacation" this past May to New York City to see *Saturday Night Live* hosted by Adam Sandler. The two argued about the most influential cast members (Tim Meadows and Chris Farley for Curley, Eddie Murphy and Tina Fey for Grillo) over lunch at the Sloppie Joe's Food Truck in nearby Yonkers while reminiscing about their years together at Boston College. They marveled at the sight of a rat carrying an entire soft pretzel in Central Park, and they squeezed in a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to explore the exhibition *Leonardo da Vinci's Saint Jerome*, commemorating the 500th anniversary of da Vinci's death. The two capped off the trip by meeting good friend Justin Barrasso on the 86th Floor Observation Deck at the Empire State Building. • Meghan McManama and husband George Straehle welcomed baby girl Maryn McManama Straehle on April 27. • Timothy Harvey is working on the construction of the new Pete Frates Center on campus. Tim is proud to be a part of such a special and meaningful project.

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## 2006

Tim Weaton and Kayla Fahey were married on July 6 at the Mirbeau Inn & Spa in Plymouth. Eagles in attendance included Pat Guion, Dave and Rosanne (Palatucci) Ranta, Matt '08 and Beth Moyer King, Frank and Jess (Donoghue) Demmerly, Matt and Michelle (Tetrault) Barwinski, Brian and Katie (Antonelli) Hawko MED '07, Nina Clarke Galie MED '07, Greg Garra, Deta Lula, Alex Fowler '13, Pat Curley, Lauren Mastroccola Mather MS '08, Amber Clarke '07, Dave '09 and Caitlin (Toland) Henault '09, and Adam Clarke '09. During the reception, the band's mic was hijacked for a rowdy rendition of "For Boston." Although the bride attended South Carolina, both Tim and Kayla can be found tailgating on BC football Saturdays! • Will Dowd's first book, *Areas of Fog*, received a Massachusetts Book Award "Must Read" honor in the nonfiction category. • Kevin and Danielle (Curtis) Parrington welcomed their second daughter, Julia, on March 8. Big sister Caroline is taking excellent care of the new baby. • Ted and Tara (Friedlander) Dunlap welcomed

their first daughter, Elsie Taylor Dunlap, into the world on August 14, 2018. They recently moved to the LA neighborhood of Eagle Rock and are living on Eagle Vista Drive; they stopped short of calling their home "the Eagle's Nest" but are enjoying being reminded of all things BC, even on the West Coast! • Stacey Greci Gibson was recently brought on as partner at Park Avenue Fine Wines in Portland, OR, for whom she has been working and managing the wine list for several years. Park Avenue is a fine wine shop and bar located in the heart of downtown Portland near Pioneer Courthouse Square. Stacey also owns a wine and food event company named Parallel Food & Drink with her husband, who is a chef. • In June 2019, Jayshree Mahtani was promoted to deputy general counsel at Shutterstock, Inc. He has been with the company for three years.

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## 2007

Dennis Goulet and wife Delaney welcomed a daughter, Estelle Rose, on July 30, 2018. They currently reside in Washington State, and have both taken jobs as physicians with the Everett Clinic. • Tim and Amy (Gaither) Speros welcomed their second daughter, Stella Louise, on August 17, 2018. Amy, Tim, Stella, and big sister Zoe live in Los Altos, CA. • Patrick and Sarah (Mares) Healey, MED'08, welcomed their daughter Cora Adelyn in August. They live in Malta, where Patrick is posted as a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State, and Sarah works as a teacher. • Frances Macias-Phillips Oney and her husband, Dan, welcomed their second daughter on August 7, 2018. Frances says, "Vivian is a happy baby and brings us all so much joy, especially her big sister Grace!" • Ali Bane married Luke Hammond on August 4, 2018, on the North Shore of Massachusetts. They were married by Fr. Joe Marchese, former director of BC's Office of First Year Experience, where Ali has worked for the last five years. Over 30 BC graduates spanning generations were in attendance, including the bride's parents, Cindy (Thompson) '79 and Joe Bane '81, and six BC bridesmaids: Rachael De Chacon, Andrea LaGala Lamb MED'08, Marjorie McCormick Filice, Meg Galligan Shackleton, Megan Shaughnessy '08, and Emily Ehrgood Watt. • Stephanie St. Martin, MA'10, has been published in *The Handmaid's Tale and Philosophy: A Womb of One's Own*. This is her fourth time contributing to works popularizing philosophy; you also can find her chapters in *The Red Sox and Philosophy*, *The Rolling Stones and Philosophy*, and *What Philosophy Can Tell You About Your Lover*. • Kathleen Corcoran-Jones married Walter Jones at St. Ignatius Church this past St. Patrick's Day. She opened Barber Walters barbershop, lounge, and apothecary this December in Wellesley. • Christina Bechhold Russ was named in *Management Today's "35 Women in Business Under 35" for 2019*, highlighting the UK's brightest female

leaders. • Jason and Kathryn (O'Leary) Ruiz celebrated the birth of their daughter, Grace Kathryn, on March 8. Grace joins siblings Jack (4) and Corinne (2). The family resides in Madison, NJ. • Cynthia Campobasso and husband Michael Murray welcomed their first child, Mila Murray Campobasso, on May 22. The couple have started a design-build construction firm called Boston Building Contractors, LLC.

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## 2008

William '05 and Lauren (Carfora) Wright, MA'09, welcomed a son, William Philip, on August 13, 2017. • Maura Tierney Murphy, MA'13, and Rory Murphy '07 welcomed a daughter, Rose Mairéad, on November 24, 2018. • BC '08 best friends and roommates became fathers within seven months of each other. Timothy, MS'16, MBA'16, and Catherine (Clark) Johnson introduced Patrick James on November 3, 2018. John Marti and his wife, Melissa Foley Marti, introduced twins James Manuel and Samuel Joán on May 24. The families are all doing well, and their roommates/best friends Nandan Munshi and Christopher Petrossian are incredibly proud "uncles"! • Frantz Berthaud has taken a new position and is now the administrative director for the Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. • Jared Long married his wife, Liz, in October 2018 in Boston with many BC alumni in attendance. The couple's wedding was officiated by James J. Fleming, S.J., who has served as a mentor to Jared since his days as an undergraduate. Jared recently accepted a new role on the board of Kids in Tech, Inc., a nonprofit where he will focus on growing tech-focused after-school programs for youth in the Boston area. • In June, Jessica Dunston began a new position as domestic birth parent outreach coordinator for the State of New Jersey at Spence-Chapin, Services to Families and Children. • Jamie Martz married Jessica Gage in September 2017 at Blue Sky Ranch in Park City, UT. The couple met while earning their MBA degrees at Yale School of Management in New Haven, CT, and currently live in Seattle, WA, with their dog, Ralph. • Jay and Christina (Lanzieri) Glenn welcomed baby Julian Bennett in 2018. • Katie Rosa and James Moher were married on November 18, 2017, in Connecticut. Their wedding party included Sheila Bharucha Burgess, Tommy John, and Tony Tolisano. They welcomed their first child, Dean Francis Moher, on July 31, 2019. • Eugene Kane married Alejandra Maruri Trucillo on October 27, 2018, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Washington DC. Eagles in attendance included Jonathan Pearsall MS'09; Lawrence Chang; Michael Gibson; Patrick and Lisa (Roughsedge) Twomey; Steven Keppler; Kathryn Oliver; Elizabeth Sletzinger MBA'17; Sarah Sletzinger MBA'15; Sarah (Hart) JD'14 and Thomas McLaughlin, MS'10, MBA'17; Chantal Bourel; Andrew VanDamme; Emily Todd;

Jessica Feeney Trofatter MEd'10; Linda Ko; Erin Malone and Patrick Knight; Shannon Deedy Wickham; and Stacey Small.

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## 2009

In June 2018, Mike Sokolowski and a couple of his friends formed Torii, Inc., a real estate brokerage, with the goal of simplifying and modernizing the home-buying process. Alyssa Loring, MBA'15, joined shortly afterward, and Torii received its seed round of funding this past summer. Together, they look forward to helping fellow Eagles and making the BC community proud as they continue to grow. • Cristina Costa is leading an organization in Boston called Women with Purpose, which was founded in 2015 by Kettianne Cadet '10. Cristina has been leading the marketing, business development, and sales of the organization since 2016. Women with Purpose provides professional development seminars, networking events, and social events for young professional women of color in the Boston area, equipping them with the tools, knowledge, and network to succeed professionally and personally. • In July 2019, roommates/hall-mates Vittoria Buerschaper, Jessica Fernandez, Betsy Fountain, and Alison Krustapentus celebrated 14 years of friendship by meeting in the middle of their opposite coastal homes in Kansas City, MO. • Theodore and Michelle (St. Martin) Pierce welcomed their daughter Alexandra in July. The family lives in downtown Boston. • Andrew and Victoria "Ning" (Chen) Bianco are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Ava. Their little Eagle arrived in early August, and their parents could not be happier for the adventures ahead. • Tom Forrester and his wife, Rosa, welcomed their second daughter, Violet Francesca, in February. Mom, Dad, and big sister Daphne are super excited. • Jamie Melas married Lindsey Rose Garrison on September 1 in Park City, UT. • Greg and Meghan (Driscoll) Devlin welcomed a second son, James, in January.

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## 2010

### 10TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

Christopher '13 and Katherine (Davis) Faherty were married on May 26 in Newport, RI. Katie and Chris met through BC EMS, and they started dating several years after they both graduated from BC. • Kevin Carpenter married Jamie Blea in a ceremony in Boston on July 27. Other BC alumni in attendance were John Young, Erik Olson, and Trevor and Alison (Salmon) Lair. • James "JD" and Meghan (Boswell) Peters are soaring with joy after the birth of their first child, Liam James, on April 29. Welcome to the BC family, Liam! • Chrishana White married Arianne Napier on July 7 in Brooklyn, NY. Chrishana became the director of diversity and inclusion of Brooklyn Defender Services in September. • Congratulations to Jeremy

**Chow**, who completed his doctoral studies in English at the University of California Santa Barbara and will join the department of English at Bucknell University this fall as an assistant professor. • After six years as assistant curator of Middle Eastern art at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Sandra "Sandy" Williams will move to Ann Arbor, where she will undertake her doctorate in art history with a focus on Islamic and Middle Eastern multimedia at the University of Michigan.

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## 2011

**Michael Morton** is now an attorney and a senior research specialist at the Nevada Gaming Control Board in Carson City, NV. • **Kayleigh Dudevoir**, founder of the Madrigal Singers of Boston College, recently completed her second season as donor engagement manager of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Kayleigh married Tyler Hawthorne of Lake Forest, IL, in February 2018 in an intimate backyard ceremony. • **Brian Thomas** earned his JD and became a member of the Pennsylvania Bar last year. He practices in Philadelphia at a boutique firm that specializes in franchise law.

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## 2012

**Michelle Gaglia** graduated from medical school in May 2019 and started a pediatric residency at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers University in July. She looked forward to seeing BC football play Rutgers on September 21. **Brian Sachetta** recently published his first book, a self-help book on anxiety titled *Get Out of Your Head: A Toolkit for Living with and Overcoming Anxiety*. He is hoping to use his experiences to help others struggling with various forms of mental illness. The book is available on Amazon. • **Courtney Nolan** and Andrew Oddo '11 were married on May 4. The couple met shortly after their time at the Heights in New York City through fellow Eagles. They were married in Wappingers Falls, NY, surrounded by many classmates and relatives from BC, including graduates from many classes, from 1972 to 2015. In New York, Courtney and Andrew both work in technology and are active members of the BC Technology & Entrepreneurship Council. • **Lea Freeman** and Greg Vavoules '08 were married on April 6 at the New York Botanical Garden. The two met at a BC alumni event in San Diego and began dating shortly after. The wedding was officiated by Elizabeth Rapport, and the bridal party included Katherine Iannarone '13, Daniel Roesbery '08, Michael Ambrose '08, Jonathan Rao '08, and Robert O'Brien '08.

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## 2013

**Carina Zito** and **Daniel Troy** were married on November 17, 2018, in Miami. BC

alumni in their wedding party included **Carolynn Zindel Scull**, **Hanna Heycke**, **Christine LaFrance**, **Lindsay Kenworthy**, Brooke Troy '19, and Shane Troy '15. Nearly 50 other BC Eagles were also in attendance! The couple now live in New York City, where Carina works in public relations and Daniel works in private equity. • **Steven '12** and **Caroline Sasso Candido** recently wed in Caroline's hometown of Palos Verdes, CA. Steve and Caroline started their journey as a couple meeting at a BC bowl game in San Francisco, Caroline there with her friends and Steve there as a cheerleader. Many Italian, theology, and philosophy classes later, they became a couple and have been together ever since. Steven went to law school at UVA. They now live in New York City, where Steven is an investment management and private funds attorney at Morgan Lewis and Caroline is a management consultant at Ernst & Young. • **Colleen Bode** and **Tom Laurendi** got married in Huntington, NY, on June 28. They met senior year at Cityside through mutual friends, and Tom proposed last November on College GameDay in front of Gasson Hall. Colleen writes, "We incorporated BC throughout the wedding, from including a Superfan T-shirt for the photo booth to using our Senior Week champagne glasses for the wedding toast. We had 30 BC alumni at the wedding, including five in the wedding party—Anne Ake, Joe Citera MA'15, Sean Pittinger, Tim Teresczuk, and Nick Butto. We had an amazing wedding and are excited to start this next chapter in our lives as a married couple!" • **Claire Geruson**, MSW'19, is thrilled to share that on August 4, she married fellow 2013 graduate **Georgia Skeadas**! • **Kevin and Natalie (Sileno) Kelly** welcomed a baby boy, Colin Anthony, into the world on May 7. • **Kelly Cannon** was recently awarded a scholarship from Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism to pursue a master of science in journalism specializing in politics, policy, and foreign affairs reporting. She will be moving to Washington DC for this opportunity and is looking forward to covering news for broadcast, print, and digital at Medill's Washington newsroom! • **Lauren DeGennaro** graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine (Class of 2019) and is now an intern veterinarian at an equine clinic in Scottsville, NY.

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## 2014

**Bridget Eide** is attending the University of Michigan Ross School of Business to pursue her MBA. • **Jessica Carbone** recently moved to Denver and has started a job at City Year Denver. She is sad to be away from Boston for the first time in her life, but so excited to start this adventure with Zach Hagopian '12! • **Nick Spetko** and **Jo Golden-Spetko** married on June 22, with many of their BC classmates in attendance! Jo and Nick met their first weekend of

freshman year on their way to a football game, and true to their nerdy selves, shared their first kiss in the CLXF study lounge. They are very grateful to BC for bringing them together, and for gifting them with so many wonderful and supportive friends.

• **Jonathan Silva** and **Sarah Kelley** were married on June 22 at the Connors Family Retreat and Conference Center in front of family, friends, and a host of BC alumni. Jon and Sarah have been together since sophomore year at BC, having met through the theatre department. • In April 2019, **Brianne Shannon** received an Excellence Award for Academic Achievement, which recognizes teachers who have inspired their scholars to perform at the highest academic level. Brianne is a teacher at Success Academy, a high-performing charter school network in New York City that serves 17,000 mostly low-income students. She teaches in a second grade ICT (Integrated Co-Teaching Class, which mixes general and special education students) classroom at Success Academy Harlem 4.

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## 2015

### 5TH REUNION

May 29–31, 2020

**Peter Trainor** and **Kelly Caprio** were married at St. Ignatius Church on July 20. Their reception was held at the BC Club! • In July, Gabelli Hall roommates **Jeffrey Jay** and **Nicholas Solazzo** set forth to ACK to compete in the Nantucket Triathlon, placing 13th and 29th, respectively, in a field of 550.

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## 2016

**Bob Martignetti** and his brothers are opening Faces Brewing Co. in Malden. The restaurant and brewery is slated to open by the end of this year. • **James Hadisurjo** is currently running an e-commerce/brick-and-mortar retail store in Indonesia called Bridges Eyewear. The store aims to provide an affordable alternative for designer eyewear in Indonesia. Bridges Eyewear has 23 outlets across Indonesia and also sells products online through an e-commerce site: [bridgeseyewear.com](http://bridgeseyewear.com).

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## 2017

**Johanna Tomsick** married her "college sweetheart," Austin Schmid, on June 14. Austin was an ROTC graduate and has been promoted to 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Johanna started a job at the Center for Creative Leadership in May. The Schmids are living at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. • **Alexandrea Ramnarine** was named a 2020 TEDMED Research Scholar (expertise in infectious diseases, nanotechnology, and regenerative

medicine) in August. Alexandrea's work was featured in a July 2019 study by Buter, Cheng, et al., titled "Mycobacterium tuberculosis releases an antacid that remodels phagosomes," published in *Nature Chemical Biology*. Her original cover art for the publication was designed at Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

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## 2018

Jonathan Barbosa recently started a new position as a business consultant at MarketMuse. • Chelsea Binnig is working at the only level 1 trauma center in the Department of Defense as a clinical staff nurse. She was excited to come back to campus for Reunion Weekend!

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## 2019

Grant Swartz recently commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. He moved to Pensacola, FL, to begin training as a naval aviator. • Peter Klapes and Peter Gavaris were selected to write a chapter, titled "It's the Other You Mourn For: Interpersonal Subjectivity and the Horror of Expectations in Kenneth Lonergan's *Margaret*" in *The Horror of Relations* (ed. Jonathan Beever), a forthcoming compilation of work by leading scholars and thinkers on the philosophy of intersubjectivity and human relations.

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## BC SOCIAL WORK

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## CARROLL SCHOOL

Cecilia Michalik, MBA'76, recently retired from an executive position at Ford Motor Credit Company and now works in a semiretired capacity on numerous projects including reporting for her weekly paper, the *South Schuylkill News*, and editing and project coordinating a new book called *Forest Bathing: Living and Healing. A Photo Journal*. • Matilde Lucia Reyes, the first child of Jose Reyes, MBA'12, and Maria Lucia Balcazar, was born on September 20, 2018. • Bill and Lauren (Foley) Preston, MBA'95, are living in Maryland. Lauren formed her own company and is working as a consultant advising companies on customer service leadership. • Christopher Storey, MBA'19, writes: "In pursuing a new job in Utah, our family of two boys—and an expecting mother—were cleared to make the trip to the west by plane. About seven days after arriving, our third boy was born! A lot of fabulous changes for us, though we certainly miss Boston and BC already." • Jonathan Pilley, MBA'09, has been the owner of Push Pull Decorative Hardware

in North Bethesda, MD, since May 2015. • David Cote, MBA'19, writes: "Married, new job, new house, military activation—all in 60 days in June/July 2019, and wonderful wedding pics from Maine," noting also that a BC classmate flew to Maine from Salt Lake City for his wedding. David is in a legacy BC family: his father was Class of 1968, and a brother is Class of 2005 and also a current STM employee. • Becca Fink, MBA'19, and her partner moved from Boston to San Diego! She is starting a new job as the associate director of marketing and communications for a local, all-girls Catholic high school, the Academy of Our Lady of Peace.

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## STM

Nathaniel Blanton Hibner '10, MTS'13, graduated with his PhD in health-care ethics and moral theology from Saint Louis University in May. His dissertation is titled "Discerning Scandal: Theological Scandal in Catholic Health Care Decision Making."

• Amelia Blanton Hibner, MTS'13, received her PhD in higher education administration from Saint Louis University in May. Her dissertation is titled "Participants' Meaning Making of Collegium's Summer Colloquy: A Phenomenological Study." • John Robinson, PhL'67, of South Bend, IN, has retired, as of June 30, after teaching law and philosophy for 38 years at the University of Notre Dame.

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## WCAS

Fr. Brian Smail '89, parochial vicar of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province, sent me an email several months ago. This year, Fr. Brian will celebrate his 25th Jubilee of Franciscan life. Congratulations, Fr. Brian, and God bless you. • Brenda Ellen Pepe '85 states that she is a proud BC alumna who has retired from full-time work as an administrative support in the Sauer (biology) and Nepf (civil and environmental engineering) labs at MIT. Brenda is enjoying leisure time with siblings and friends, and she is planning to travel to Austria and Germany in 2020 to see the *Oberammergau Passion Play* in Bavaria. • Stephanie Gigliotti '17 writes that she began working in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in 2018. She has been accepted at New England School of Law and began pursuing her degree in August 2019. Stephanie, I wish you the best of luck in your studies. • I enjoyed my 45th reunion on June 1 and 2, and it was wonderful connecting with classmates and others I came to know after graduation because of my active involvement in the Alumni Association.

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## BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI DEATHS

### 1940s

Robert D. O'Leary '44, JD'49, on Aug. 1, 2019.  
John J. Walsh '44 on May 3, 2019.  
Frederick R. McGowan '45 on July 31, 2019.  
Charles D. Aznavoorian '47 on July 15, 2019.  
John D. Hughes '48 on July 24, 2019.  
Joseph P. McCarthy '49 on July 24, 2019.  
Henry B. Wojnar '49 on June 7, 2019.

### 1950s

Louis D. Bailow '50 on April 28, 2019.  
Frederick D. Brennan '50 on Feb. 9, 2019.  
Charles F. Fredey '50 on May 18, 2019.  
Thomas A. Hanna '50 on April 26, 2019.  
Hubert S. Henken '50 on July 15, 2019.  
John F. McConville '50 on June 17, 2019.  
John I. Murray '50 on Jan. 24, 2019.  
Edward F. Walsh '50 on May 21, 2019.  
Joseph A. Buchanan '51 on May 5, 2019.  
George R. Desmond '51 on Aug. 13, 2019.  
Jackson H. Dutton '51 on April 2, 2019.  
Arthur J. Fronda '51 on Jan. 27, 2019.  
Louis A. George '51 on April 23, 2019.  
David L. Godvin '51 on May 21, 2019.  
Paul C. Holland '51 on April 23, 2019.  
Crosbie J. Lawlor '51 on April 15, 2019.  
Roger A. Letourneau '51 on July 8, 2019.  
Robert L. Meade '51 on April 19, 2019.  
Mario J. Molinari '51 on July 24, 2019.  
John R. Moriarty '51 on July 18, 2019.  
Leo P. O'Keefe '51 on Aug. 13, 2019.  
Charles E. O'Rourke '51 on April 17, 2019.  
Roberto G. Tassinari '51 on March 31, 2019.  
Charles A. Ziegler '51, MS'52, on May 26, 2019.  
John E. Connors, JD'52, on May 19, 2019.

Robert J. Desmond '52 on April 7, 2019.  
Paul E. Drummond '52, MS'55, on Dec. 9, 2018.  
Dorothy Kelley Gallagher '52 on April 11, 2019.  
Isabel Markey Gallagher '52 on June 7, 2019.  
Robert G. Gosselin '52 on April 16, 2019.  
Thomas J. Hayes '52 on May 20, 2019.  
Eric L. Johnson '52 on July 11, 2019.  
Robert D. Laubner '52 on June 23, 2019.  
Eugene V. McAuliffe '52 on April 9, 2019.  
Leo P. Paradis '52 on Jan. 26, 2019.  
Michael T. Roarke '52 on July 27, 2019.  
William F. Shannon '52 on April 12, 2019.  
Thomas W. Sullivan, MSW'52, on March 15, 2019.  
Murray F. Viehl '52, MA'57, on July 25, 2019.  
John P. Buckley '53, MEd'54, on June 13, 2019.  
Robert R. Cote '53 on July 30, 2019.  
James J. Flynn '53 on April 6, 2019.  
Francis L. Kelley '53 on April 9, 2019.  
Gerald L. O'Grady '53, MA'55, on March 26, 2019.

Anne Hurley Quinn NC'53 on July 3, 2019.  
Gilbert A. Ross '53 on April 5, 2019.  
Dorothy Feher Sullivan, MSW'53, on April 3, 2019.  
Genevieve Madison West, MSW'53, on July 31, 2019.  
James A. Willwerth '53 on June 1, 2019.  
John J. Cadigan '54 in April 2019.  
Richard L. Curley '54, JD'59, on June 19, 2019.  
Louise Leahy Dunn WCAS'54 on July 14, 2019.  
Richard G. Foley '54 on June 17, 2019.  
Edward G. Greene '54 on March 27, 2019.  
Robert W. Greene '54 on March 28, 2019.  
Sheila G. Guichon '54, MEd'57, on May 12, 2019.  
John J. Lynch '54 on June 3, 2019.  
Mary Healy Nackley '54 on May 28, 2019.  
Rosemary B. Nicholson, MEd'54, on June 8, 2019.  
Pierre J. Salmon '54 on June 14, 2019.  
Clare J. Chalifoux '55 on June 27, 2019.  
James E. Cotter '55, MA'57, on Feb. 14, 2019.  
Nicholas V. Di Ieso '55 on Aug. 11, 2019.  
Paul T. Henderson '55 on May 15, 2019.  
John P. Karle '55 on March 30, 2019.  
Patricia Phipps Malone '55 on April 24, 2019.  
Jean Murphy Moynihan '55 on April 1, 2019.  
Albert J. Murphy '55 on July 10, 2019.  
David L. Quinn '55 on July 27, 2019.  
Joseph A. Shea '55 on May 2, 2019.  
George L. Snider '55 on July 9, 2019.  
Edgar L. Surprenant '55 on June 2, 2019.  
Albert R. Annunziata, JD'56, on June 10, 2019.  
Martin D. Becker '56 on March 25, 2019.  
Paul J. Collins '56 on April 11, 2019.  
Edward De Silva '56 on March 2, 2019.  
19 Richard M. Doherty '56, MA'58, JD'63, on June 22, 2019.  
Thomas H. Finneran '56 on April 15, 2019.  
Gino A. Marinelli '56 on March 3, 2019.  
Robert F. Renehan '56 on April 26, 2019.  
Walter J. Sullivan '56 on March 22, 2019.  
Philip H. Cahalin, JD'57, on March 26, 2019.  
Samuel F. Carr '57 on April 4, 2019.  
Silvio P. Chiudioni WCAS'57 on April 22, 2019.  
Anna E. Farragher, PBVM, MEd'57, on June 6, 2019.  
Charles J. Fox '57 on May 25, 2019.  
Robert E. Grant WCAS'57 on May 8, 2019.  
Dorothy Hanley Halloran '57 on June 30, 2019.  
Grace Nash Hudgins NC'57 on July 6, 2019.  
Catherine McCarthy Hynes '57 on June 27, 2019.  
Elaine Avila Jamison, MA'57, on June 28, 2019.  
Louise Mealey Kapples, MEd'57, on March 24, 2019.  
Robert J. Kellard '57 on Aug. 1, 2019.  
Kenneth R. Lambert '57 on June 24, 2019.  
Richard J. Lynch '57 on May 20, 2019.  
Jean Johnson McCarthy '57 on June 19, 2019.

Patricia Richards Mitchell '57 on March 25, 2019.  
Joyce Baer O'Neill '57 on July 25, 2019.  
James E. Pasbly '57 on May 4, 2019.  
Laurence B. Pratt '57 on April 20, 2019.  
Thomas D. Rooney '57, MBA'64, on March 13, 2019.  
Regina E. Tierney, MEd'57, on April 15, 2019.  
Edward E. Williams, JD'57, on June 29, 2019.  
Lawrence P. Alibrandi '58 on July 15, 2019.  
Peter R. Barry, MA'58, on March 31, 2019.  
Francis P. Bellizzi '58 on May 19, 2019.  
Gerard M. Ford '58, MA'60, on April 19, 2019.  
Ann C. Hansen '58 on March 26, 2019.  
John P. Horrigan '58 on June 27, 2019.  
Robert S. Jackson '58 on June 3, 2019.  
James P. McCarthy '58, JD'61, on April 6, 2019.  
Louise Powers Owen '58, MEd'61, on July 23, 2019.  
Robert R. Tierman, JD'58, on April 25, 2019.  
Robert E. Barrett '59 on March 25, 2019.  
John F. Burke '59, JD'66, on May 12, 2019.  
Peter J. Derba '59 on May 1, 2019.  
Richard L. Flanigan '59 on April 15, 2019.  
Bernard L. Geddy '59 on Aug. 22, 2019.  
John R. Harrigan '59 on May 7, 2019.  
Joan Mullen Healy, MEd'59, on April 21, 2019.  
Joseph J. Hurley '59 on Aug. 15, 2019.  
Maureen Jackson '59 on Aug. 13, 2019.  
Michael R. Landolfi '59 on July 28, 2019.  
Mary Kelley McNamara NC'59 on Aug. 23, 2019.  
Lorraine Cassidy Pfefferkorn '59 on April 17, 2019.  
Edward A. Porter '59, MA'68, on April 30, 2019.  
James J. Sughrue '59 on June 5, 2019.

### 1960s

John J. Boyle '60 on March 27, 2019.  
Guy B. D'Alessandro, JD'60, on April 28, 2019.  
William V. Fitzpatrick '60 on May 19, 2019.  
Thomas R. Greco '60 on March 27, 2019.  
Richard D. King '60 on Aug. 8, 2019.  
Anthony J. LaRosa '60, CAES'84, on May 6, 2019.  
John C. L'Heureux, MA'60, MA'63, on April 22, 2019.  
Edward J. Locke '60 on June 5, 2019.  
Bosco Lyons, SP, '60 on Feb. 5, 2019.  
Frederick V. McMenimen '60 on Aug. 22, 2018.  
Francis C. Oatway '60 on July 24, 2019.  
James M. Romero '60 on May 7, 2019.  
Bruce N. Sachar, JD'60, on April 15, 2019.  
John J. Schoppmeyer '60 on April 7, 2019.  
Henry J. Stanford WCAS'60 on July 5, 2019.  
Maryan T. Surman '60, MS'65, on May 9, 2019.  
Michael R. Tramonte '60, CAES'71, on May 17, 2019.  
Richard D. Wallace '60, MA'67, MSW'89, on Dec. 23, 2018.

Janet Murphy Withington NC'60 on May 6, 2019.  
Margaret Ryan Collins '61 on Aug. 5, 2019.  
Paul J. Curtin '61 on May 21, 2019.  
Brian D. Earley '61 on Aug. 11, 2019.  
Theodore C. Geis '61 on May 20, 2019.  
Frederick D. Haynes '61 on May 8, 2019.  
Charles W. Hopkins WCAS'61 on May 4, 2019.  
Ann G. Kelley, SNDdeN, MA'61, on June 6, 2019.  
Robert C. Kerans '61 on June 28, 2019.  
John J. Lane '61 on July 4, 2019.  
Claire L. Lawton '61 on April 14, 2019.  
Mary M. Lynch '61 on May 20, 2019.  
Benjamin A. Machinist, MBA'61, on April 5, 2019.  
Robert J. Murphy '61 on March 31, 2019.  
Bonnie Tubridy Blosat NC'62 on June 22, 2019.  
Thomas E. Clinton '62, JD'68, on May 24, 2019.  
Daryl A. DeVoto '62 on July 4, 2019.  
Michael J. Freel '62 on April 11, 2019.  
Eugene R. Guerrera '62 on July 30, 2019.  
Mary E. Horgan, SP, '62 on May 31, 2019.  
Laurence A. Mills, JD'62, on May 9, 2019.  
Gerald F. Nugent, MSW'62, on Aug. 11, 2019.  
Joanna B. Yaukey NC'62 on April 16, 2019.  
John D. Arenstam, JD'63, on May 15, 2019.  
John V. Cahill '63 on July 9, 2019.  
James A. Condon, MBA'63, on Aug. 8, 2019.  
William D. Fitzpatrick '63 on April 7, 2019.  
Anne L. Gautreau, SSA, MEd'63, on June 11, 2019.  
Thomas F. Lawlor '63 on April 22, 2019.  
Emmett McLoughlin '63 on July 2, 2019.  
Jean Rooney Vecchiarello '63 on May 11, 2019.  
James V. Barilaro '64 on Aug. 21, 2019.  
Robert N. Calderone '64 on April 11, 2019.  
Ruth Bibbey Caldicott, MEd'64, on April 1, 2019.  
Leila Boyle Connor NC'64 on March 29, 2019.  
William F. Connors '64 on Aug. 10, 2019.  
Mary Healey Donnell, MSW'64, on Aug. 14, 2019.  
Ann DiBlasio Farie, MSW'64, on Feb. 14, 2019.  
Mary Foley McKinnon, MSW'64, BS'84, on May 3, 2019.  
Donald A. Morton, MBA'64, on July 30, 2019.  
Kenneth R. Nickerson, JD'64, on May 31, 2019.  
Donald J. O'Meara, JD'64, on March 22, 2019.  
Marilyn A. Miller Pula, MEd'64, on May 6, 2019.  
Mary A. Quinn, SSA, MA'64, on Aug. 10, 2019.  
Carol Guiney Sapienza '64 on July 23, 2019.  
Francis E. Stasium '64 on July 26, 2019.  
Ronald E. Cloutier, MA'65, on June 18, 2019.

**1970S**

Kevin P. Flynn '65 on Jan. 7, 2019.  
Helen North Ganley '65 on June 10, 2019.  
Dennis L. Hallisey '65, JD'68, on March 28, 2019.  
Delbert L. Harbaugh, MA'65, on June 21, 2019.  
Carol L. Hogan '65 on April 8, 2019.  
George L. Keleher '65 on Nov. 29, 2018.  
Frederick J. Kirby, MEd'65, on March 25, 2019.  
Robert E. McGinnness, JD'65, on June 29, 2019.  
Kathleen Kennedy Neal '65 on April 23, 2019.  
William B. O'Keefe, JD'65, on May 26, 2019.  
Bland Cullen Regan '65 on April 5, 2019.  
Richard H. Sgarzi '65 on July 26, 2019.  
Stephen P. Sullivan '65 on July 16, 2019.  
Lorraine Arsenault, PM, MA'66, on April 13, 2019.  
Paul L. Degagne WCAS'66 on May 26, 2019.  
James G. Donnelly, MBA'66, on July 14, 2019.  
John R. Hauser '66 on June 10, 2019.  
John W. Kaufmann, JD'66, on Aug. 10, 2019.  
Sean J. Murphy '66 on June 30, 2019.  
Bernadette Piche, SUSC, MEd'66, on June 13, 2019.  
Mary Halligan Shann '66, MEd'68, PhD'69, on May 8, 2019.  
George W. St. Georges '66 on March 29, 2019.  
John E. Summ '66 on April 14, 2019.  
Sandra P. Twyon, MS'66, on May 4, 2019.  
Gary C. Vezzoli, MS'66, on July 19, 2019.  
Paul W. Cook '67 on March 25, 2019.  
James E. Dominick '67 on Aug. 9, 2019.  
William P. Ford '67 on April 18, 2019.  
Owen M. Kilcommis WCAS'67 on March 29, 2019.  
John F. Murphy, JD'67, on June 9, 2019.  
John J. Ryan '67 in May 2019.  
Anne E. Sullivan '67 on April 3, 2019.  
Norman A. Welch '67 on April 14, 2019.  
John V. Curry '68 on March 30, 2019.  
Michael E. Dupre, MA'68, PhD'75, on May 25, 2019.  
Paul J. Fahey WCAS'68 on Aug. 11, 2019.  
William J. Kaschub, JD'68, on May 19, 2019.  
Paul M. Kiley '68 on April 18, 2019.  
Kazimieras A. Snieska '68 on May 8, 2019.  
Cecelia Ruppert Barkley, MA'69, on Aug. 9, 2019.  
John J. Lorden, JD'69, on May 6, 2019.

**1980S**

Kathleen O. Powers, MSW'70, on March 22, 2019.  
Muriel Daley Schumacher NC'70 on June 3, 2019.  
Mary Williams Suher '70 on March 22, 2019.  
Joanne B. Barter, MS'71, on April 30, 2019.  
Judith Zalewski Beattie '71, MA'73, on June 20, 2019.  
Deborah Leone Dacus '71 on March 22, 2019.  
Walter J. Fague '71 on May 12, 2019.  
Quentin M. Sullivan, MA'71, on July 4, 2019.  
Domenic A. Tringale '71 on Aug. 4, 2019.  
Susan Cotter Coughlin '72 on April 15, 2019.  
Robert V. Griffin WCAS'72 on July 23, 2019.  
Philip J. Marzetti '72 on Aug. 7, 2019.  
Gregory P. O'Connor '72 on June 3, 2019.  
Robert A. Rolfe '72 on July 6, 2019.  
Douglas S. Surina '72 on April 8, 2019.  
Mary E. Daly '73, MA'75, on June 19, 2019.  
Joseph P. Gerstner '73 on April 24, 2019.  
Richard G. Hamann, JD'73, on May 21, 2019.  
Jeanne Blank Stowe '73 on July 3, 2019.  
Ann Tyrrell Abely NC'74 on May 10, 2019.  
Stephen J. Corrao '74 on Feb. 13, 2018.  
Marie Sheehy Grip '74 on May 3, 2019.  
Richard H. Gentile, MA'75, on March 30, 2019.  
Sandy McDonald Jones NC'75 on Aug. 19, 2019.  
Pauline M. Olsen, JD'75, on June 22, 2019.  
Eva F. Kubik, MSW'76, on Dec. 18, 2018.  
Joseph J. Lombardi '76 on June 27, 2019.  
Gregory E. McDonald '76 on June 1, 2019.  
William P. McIvor, MEd'76, on March 25, 2019.  
Leslie Flynn Snyder '76 on April 15, 2019.  
John B. Hoar, MEd'77, PhD'81, on March 10, 2019.  
Daniel E. Janey, MSW'77, on April 24, 2019.  
Marie E. Romfh '77 on Dec. 14, 2018.  
Thomas A. Wirtanen, JD'77, on July 27, 2019.  
Patricia Sampson Alario '78, MS'81, on March 24, 2019.  
Amy Ortolani Garbaczewski '78 on July 7, 2019.  
Stephen F. McGrory '78 on Aug. 12, 2019.  
Richard W. Nopper, PhD'78, on April 11, 2019.  
Mark V. Nuccio '78, JD'83, on July 20, 2019.  
Gregory Read, JD'78, on July 12, 2019.  
John Robert Wright '78 on July 31, 2019.  
Florence P. Field, MEd'79, on June 9, 2019.  
Jeffrey T. Letzler, JD'79, on June 5, 2019.  
Rosemary Fraser Tippens '79 on Feb. 26, 2019.  
Paul Zanotta '79 on Aug. 6, 2019.

**1990S**

Edward Coughlin, MA'80, on July 30, 2019.  
Charles P. Nikitopoulos, PhD'80, on July 12, 2019.  
Duncan Driscoll Finigan '82 on May 26, 2019.  
John J. Leahy, MBA'82, on April 13, 2019.  
Laura Hastert Long '82 on March 31, 2019.  
Laurie Pelletier Daou, MA'83, on Aug. 5, 2019.  
Geraldine Niemeier Faricy '83 on July 27, 2019.  
George A. Hodgman, MA'83, on July 20, 2019.  
Bradley R. Grill '84 on July 18, 2019.  
David M. Smithson, JD'84, on April 1, 2019.  
Paul J. Weber '84 on June 1, 2019.  
Monica A. Flatley McIntyre WCAS'85 on June 30, 2019.  
Paul D. Gervais '86 on April 6, 2019.  
Catherine M. O'Brien '86, MEd'90, on Aug. 9, 2019.  
Paul D. Spang Jr., MBA'86, on Aug. 14, 2019.  
Rose Marie C. Dobelman, CPPS, MA'87, on June 11, 2019.  
Michelle C. Fletcher McEnany '88 on June 23, 2019.  
Albert C. Rocheteau '88 on June 16, 2019.  
Margaret A. Ryan, MA'88, on April 10, 2019.  
Elaine M. Scanlon '88 on June 14, 2019.  
Patricia Mary Brady, MEd'89, on Aug. 6, 2019.  
Elizabeth C. McLean Dubois '89 on June 16, 2019.  
Paul A. Nappi, JD'89, on July 2, 2018.  
Phillip J. Piscopo, PhD'89, on May 4, 2019.  
Thomas J. Slattery '89 on April 8, 2019.  
Rebecca S. Webber, JD'89, on March 30, 2019.  
John E. Wilkinson '89 on June 16, 2019.

**2000S**

Justine M. Wilbur '00 on March 12, 2019.  
Alan M. Gowell '01 on Aug. 9, 2019.  
Cullen D. Walsh '01 on April 14, 2019.  
Jason Whitney WCAS'02, MS'10, on April 2, 2019.  
Barbara Ann Arnoldo, DEd'04, on June 2, 2019.  
Paul S. Wenge '04 on Aug. 8, 2019.

**2010S**

Brendan T. Maguire '12 on April 20, 2019.  
Kelsey Anne Burns '13 on July 30, 2019.  
James Thorne, PhD'18, on June 20, 2019.  
Patrick J. Gregorek '19 on March 24, 2019.  
Molly Katherine Ryan, MS'19, on July 30, 2019.  
Alexander R. Urtula '19 on May 20, 2019.

## BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY DEATHS

Michael J. Buckley, S.J., of Los Gatos, CA, on July 25, 2019. He was director of BC's Jesuit Institute from 1992 to 2002 and Peter Canisius Professor of Theology from 1996 to 2006.

William Erwin of Lynn on August 4, 2019. He was a supervisor in the custodial services department from 2000 to 2013.

Virginia Marie Harvey of Brighton on September 15, 2019. She was a library assistant at O'Neill Library from 1999 to 2010.

Charles F. Smith of Cambridge on August 1, 2019. He was a former professor in the Lynch School of Education and Human Development from 1968 to 2003.

David Wedge of Cambridge on August 20, 2019. He was a former assistant foreman in the mechanical shop, facilities services, from 2006 to 2011.

The "Obituaries" section is compiled from national listings as well as from notifications submitted by friends and family of alumni. It consists of names of those whose deaths have been reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information on deceased alumni to Advancement Information Systems, Cadigan Alumni Center, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 or to [infoserv@bc.edu](mailto:infoserv@bc.edu).

# Believe in BC

ADVANCING BOSTON COLLEGE



The AHANA Alumni Advisory Council (AAAC) is leading a movement: promoting deeper, more meaningful engagement of African, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian, and Native American alumni in all aspects of the University.

The 45-member council, led by co-chairs Bob Marshall '88, and Juan Concepción '96, MEd'97, MBA'03, JD'03, is currently preparing for RECONNECT III, an on-campus weekend program celebrating the AHANA alumni community, July 24–26, 2020.

We asked three members of the council, fondly known as “the triple A-C,” to tell us more.

## It started with a bus trip

Aundrea Cline-Thomas is a multiple Emmy award-winning journalist for CBS2 News. Her parents, West African immigrants, always emphasized the importance of education, but Aundrea had to advocate for herself.

“One day a girl asked, ‘Does anyone want to go to Boston College? My neighbor runs a bus trip.’ It turned out her neighbor was Floyd McCrory ’77, and he and the late Keith Francis ’76, led this bus trip to BC,” says Cline-Thomas.

Cline-Thomas fell in love with the Heights. “I applied early action, and Mr. Francis and Mr. McCrory held my hand. They even advocated for my financial aid,” she recalls.

“There are many reasons why I’m on the AAAC, but first and foremost, it’s because of Mr. Francis and Mr. McCrory. I was thinking these two men brought bratty 17-year-old kids on a bus to BC every year—I can’t say no to being on this council. It’s my way of thanking them.”



AUNDREA  
CLINE-THOMAS '04

# A spirit of giving back



STEVE TO '10,  
MA'12

"The notion of being men and women for others played a huge part in my professional and personal development," says Steve To. A first-generation college graduate whose parents emigrated from Vietnam, To recalls that "mentorship programs and career services really helped me to grow and develop."

"I always had this passion for giving back, trying to make the journey a little bit easier for folks," says To, now director of equity and experience with DonorsChoose.org.

"It's incredible to learn [from other generations] about our experiences at Boston College. It leads to great discussions of how far we've come and how much more we still have to do for our students, for our community, and in the larger context, for the world, and for society," To explains.

**SAVE THE DATE: JULY 24–26, 2020**

## RECONNECT III

"RECONNECT III is like a welcome home," says Cline-Thomas. "At RECONNECT III, we want you to know that you are welcome and there are people who have your back, from the perspective of belonging, the perspective of being seen, and the perspective of networking for your career or whatever you need."

To learn more about the AAAC or about RECONNECT III, visit [bc.edu/aaac](http://bc.edu/aaac) or email AHANAalumni@bc.edu with your questions.



## Leadership in action

"The AAAC affords you an opportunity to help those who come behind you," says Bob Marshall, a founding member of the AAAC. "You can offer your time, your talent, or your treasure to help the University impact more AHANA students."

"A host of AAAC members are actually on the Board of Trustees," Marshall notes, including Trustees Darcell Clark '83; Steve Pemberton '89, H'15, MS'19; Kevin Smart '99; and Kendall Reid '79, H'18; and Trustee Associate Juan Concepción. The connection to University leadership helps AAAC members shape BC's future.

Now a national business development executive with Wells Fargo, Marshall has also viewed BC through a parent's eyes as he saw his daughter, Aerin, graduate in 2017. "We are very supportive of not only the University but also the students," says Marshall, adding, "If we really want to have an impact, we have got to put in the time."

BOB  
MARSHALL '88



# A Deafening Silence

Catholics have a duty to speak up during the ongoing national immigration debate—and to learn from the bigotry that Catholic immigrants have faced in this country through the centuries.

By Hosffman Ospino

*The following is adapted from an essay that Ospino, associate professor of Hispanic Ministry and Religious Education in the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, wrote for the Catholic News Service.*

I have been paying close attention to our national debate about immigration and refugees. Doing this is sometimes painful. More painful is to learn that quite a number of the voices that are loud and prejudiced against immigrants and refugees are Catholic.

But the pain becomes more acute when it comes to the Catholics who keep silent—especially those holding positions of leadership in church and society. Too many of them choose to remain silent before the excesses of the loud and prejudiced voices—Catholic and non-Catholic—or fall short of being prophetic.

But it is not only our leaders who choose not to lend their voices to the debate. Why do so many Catholics remain silent? Perhaps because speaking of immigration and refugees in the United States of America at this historical juncture is risky business. One never knows where one's conversation partner stands on this question. One does not know whether one will be welcomed into that conversation again.

While many Catholics seem reluctant to speak about immigration in the interest of avoiding conflict, ironically we hear about the topic everywhere on social networks and in the mass media. Yet, there is no irony without consequences. Many voices that are loud and prejudiced are feasting in the silence of those who are more moderate and better informed about our Catholic tradition regarding immigrants and refugees.

Silence has consequences. Remaining silent before the excesses of people who demonize immigrants and twist their experiences for political or social gain has consequences. Remaining silent by failing to affirm the human dignity of every immigrant and refugee has consequences.

This is not the first time in the history of our nation that conversations about immigration and refugees have created animosity. Some episodes in the past have ended in exclusion of and

violence against immigrant groups. Have we learned something from our own history? If not, then it is imperative that every catechetical program for Catholic children and adults today puts serious time into studying the consequences of biased rhetoric against immigrants. European Catholics who arrived in the U.S. about a century ago experienced such biases.

Let us not ignore the brutal mistreatment of immigrants from Africa brought to our shores under the most dehumanizing conditions. Decades of discrimination against immigrants from Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean should give us pause. We must

take time to learn about the consequences of remaining silent before the mistreatment and exploitation of immigrants in other societies. There are important lessons to learn from the tragic ends of refugees who were denied asylum by nations that could have welcomed them.

Silence feeds ignorance. And even when someone does speak, doing so with prejudice silences the truth. Ignorance and silence together make us complicit in sin. Did we all read the same Bible? Did we all study the same Catechism of the Catholic Church? Did we ever pay any attention to the social teachings of the church about immigration and refugees? Did we ever hear that rejecting the other is equivalent to rejecting Jesus?

I am personally invested in this conversation. I am an immigrant and have immigrant relatives. I serve in

a parish community made up of thousands of immigrants. I know that many of the women and men who are renewing thousands of Catholic parishes in the U.S. are immigrants. But Catholics don't have to be immigrants or refugees to become invested in this conversation, of course. Neither does one need to be in a parish with large numbers of immigrants to affirm the dignity of immigrant women and men.

As the conversation about immigrants and refugees continues, Catholics in the U.S. have a fourfold responsibility: prophetically decry prejudiced rhetoric, remember our own history, educate ourselves about who immigrants are and why they arrive in our country, and affirm the human dignity of every immigrant and refugee. ■



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An uninspiring accounting internship convinced Kevin Dory '15 to take a leap after graduation into something he knew little about: oyster farming. Now the owner of High Tide Oyster & Supply in his hometown of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Dory hopes to change the entire industry. "If a farmer from the 1700s saw how much technology exists today, and that we don't use any of it, they'd be insulted," he says. Dory bought a boat that's three times the size of the ones neighboring farmers use, plus a crane to aid in harvesting. Technology, he says, is the way forward in oyster farming. "There are plenty of advances that people don't seem to be using. I want to work in a way that we don't have to be so reliant on the weather and on bending over and picking stuff up."

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